

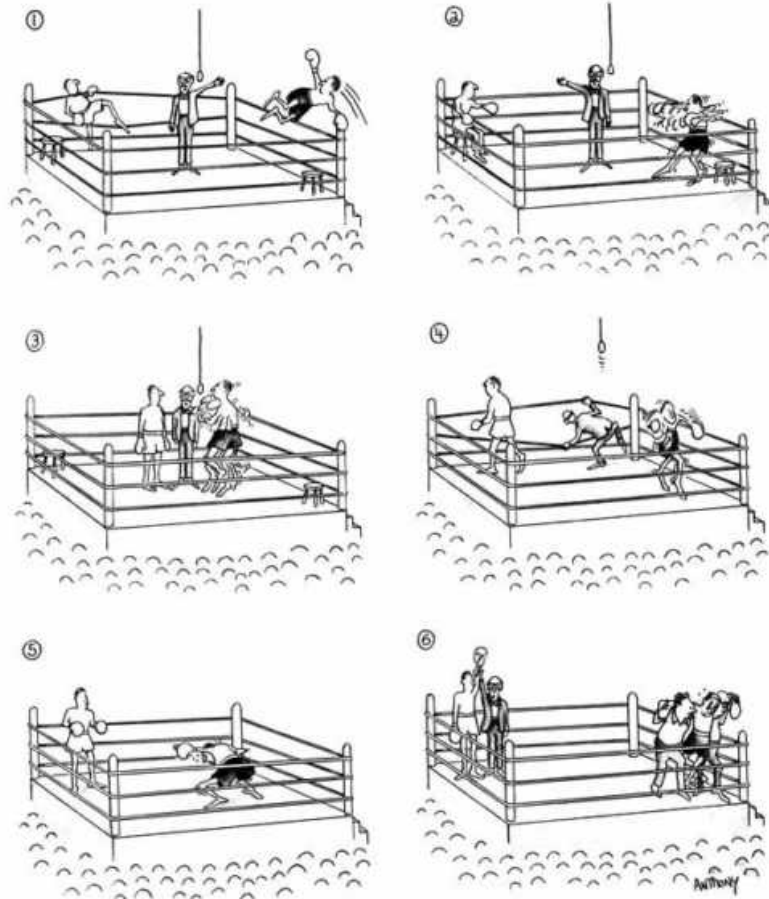


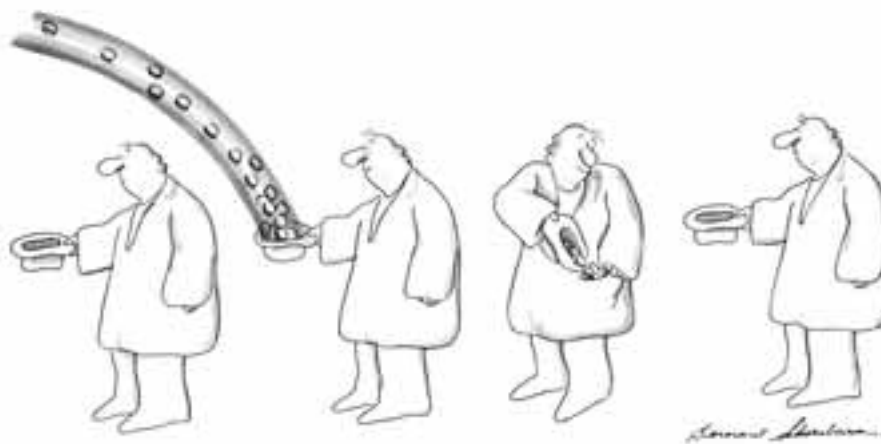
“Lunch is ready. Would you call in our goddam extended family?”





"I find you not guilty because the criminal justice system just isn't working."









*"Will you please stop saying we're the oldest people in line?
We're always the oldest people in line."*



“But I can’t just send it back to the Bryn Mawr College library after twenty-eight years with a nice note!”



"Look! Isn't that Smiley and his people?"





“All in favor of summoning the powers of darkness say ‘Aye.’”



“For heaven’s sake, Ogden, it’s vacation time! Must you make your little lists even on vacation time?”



The Poisoned Cocktail



"We were exhausted, too. We went to bed the moment we got home."



"O.K., Hilda, I'm taking over this marriage."





"The items with the little asterisks pencilled alongside them are the ones I personally think are great."

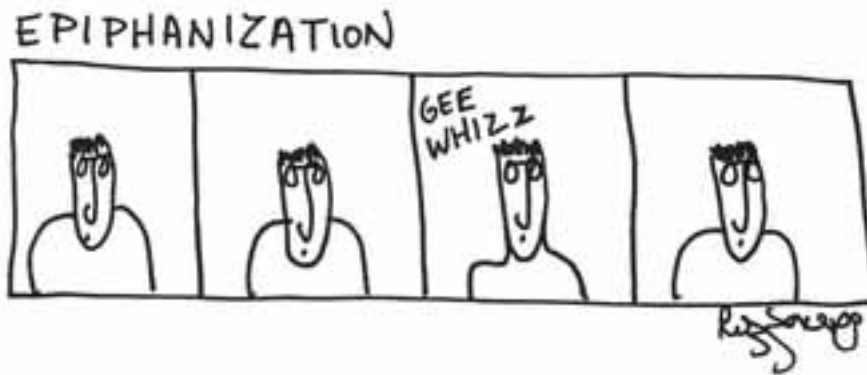


*"My client has plowed all his profits
back into exploration and development."*





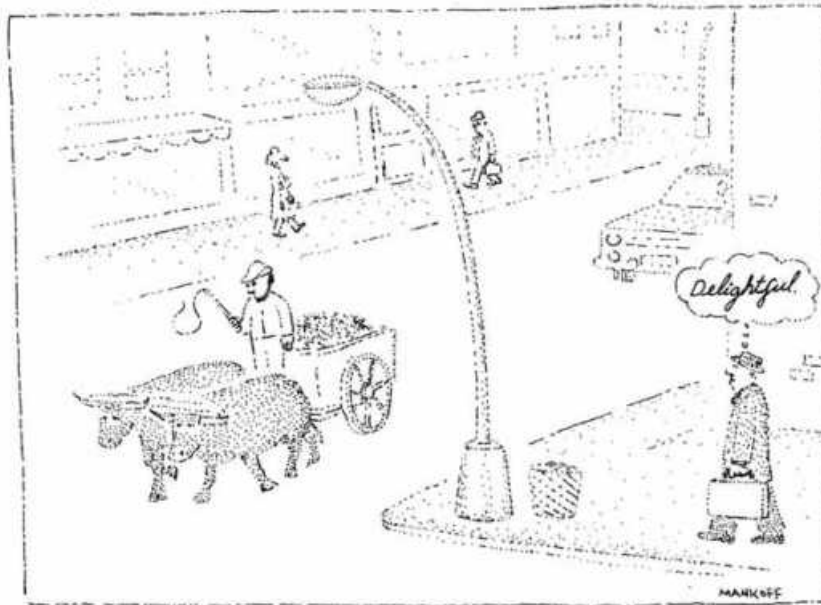
“Winthrop had the soft answer that turneth away wrath all ready on the tip of his tongue and then he forgot it.”



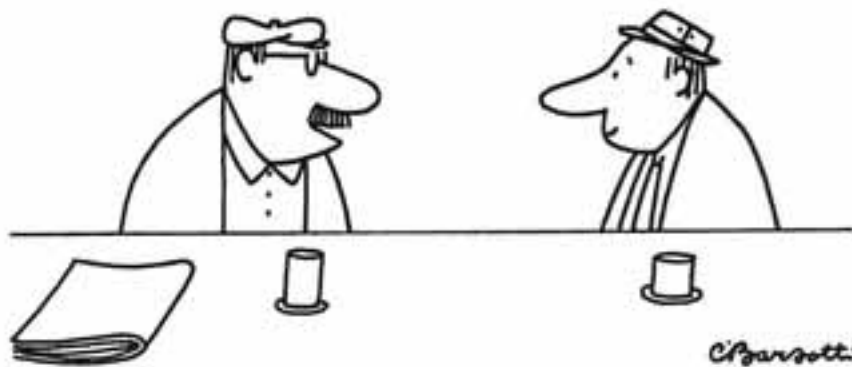


"Look, if I'm not happy I can't make anyone else happy, right? Tell your mother I'll be home in about half an hour."

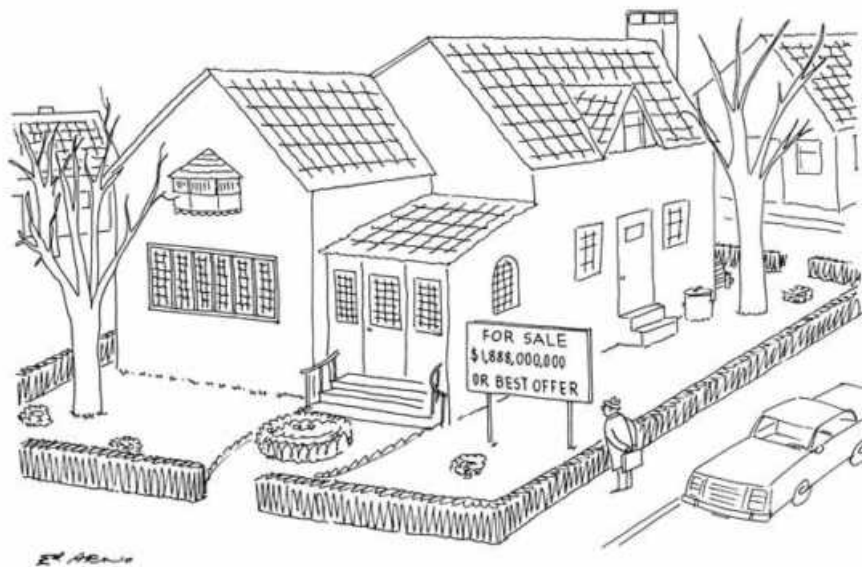
Suddenly a delightful Continental custom is sweeping America!







"I'm a fixture here."





"Doris, did you refill the bird feeder?"



“Another option for 1981 is to do absolutely nothing.”

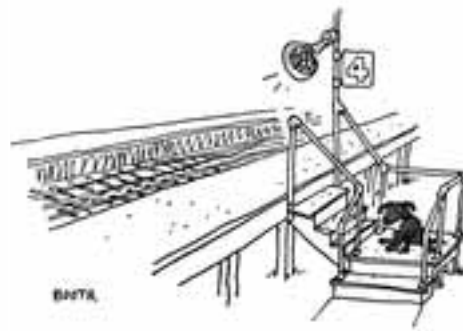




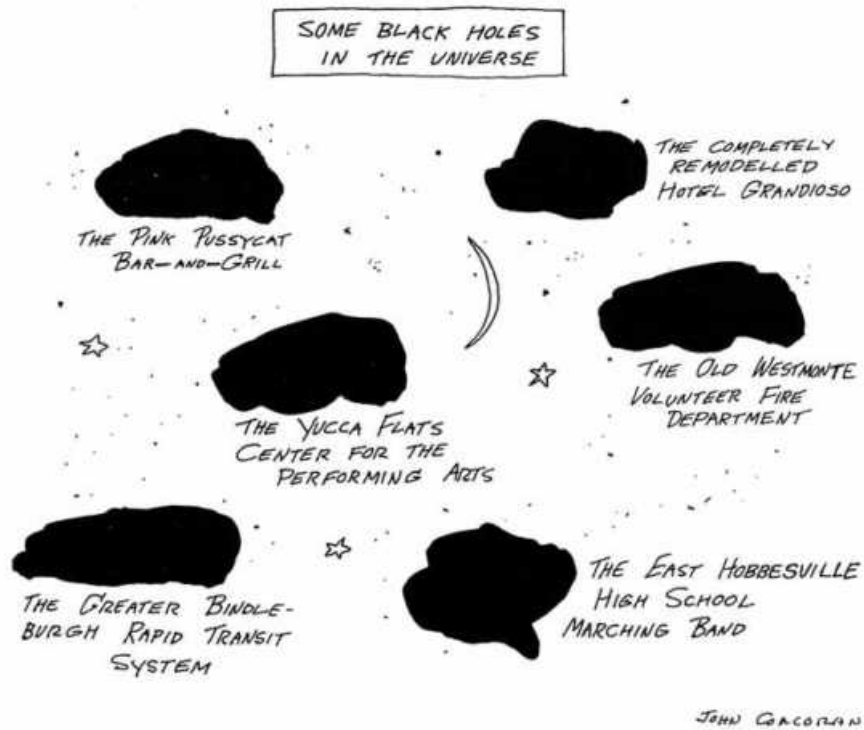
*"Bleeeeeeee-zoop! . . . Scratch
... Attenshumb, blzk!"*



"Threplek neck rack four . . ."



"Thank you."





"You never said 'Give him a chance' when Carter was elected."

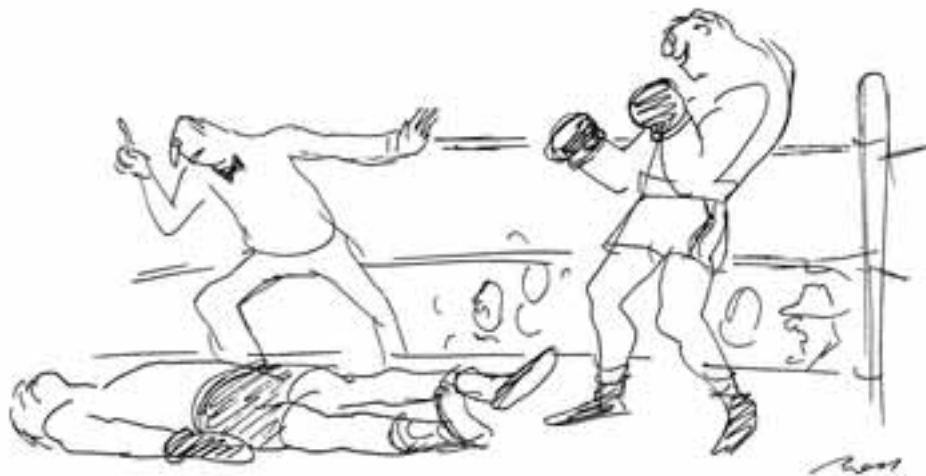


"It's a ham and swiss on rye—one of the all-time greats."



*“A bunch of the boys were whooping it up in the Malamute saloon;
the kid that handles the music-box was hitting a jag-time tune; back
of the bar, in a solo game, sat Dangerous Dan McGrew . . .”*





*“There! Now I’m Number Twenty-six and
you’re Number Twenty-seven!”*





*“Yes, I’m sure you are, but unfortunately this place
is already crawling with ‘swell guys.’”*



"There's a kind of rhythm to making money that something inside me responds to."



*"The only thing I ever enjoyed on television was 'Howdy Doody.'
Of course, I was younger then."*



“Would it bother you if I just didn’t talk this evening?”



"I think I could live with that."



"I'm leaving you, Herman. I need someone who's newer and shinier."



“Right in the middle of Lawrence Welk, he stood up, said, ‘Toot, Toot, Tootsie, Goodbye,’ and I haven’t seen him since.”





*"I decided not to mince words with you, Newcroft.
But on second thought I think I will."*



“And now, ladies and gentlemen, parents, teachers, and friends, the accelerated students of Grade Four are proud to present their adaptation of the Aldous Huxley classic ‘Brave New World.’”



“Have one on me. It’s my fifth anniversary on this corner.”



"I love it! It says city."

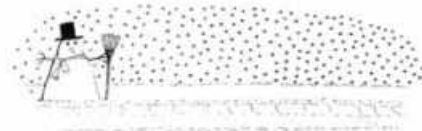


*"I don't suppose you'd care to hear my thoughts
on the outlook for the eighties."*



“Contrary to popular belief, gentlemen, it is not we who choose women but in fact women who choose us!”

1981







"Do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, tweet."



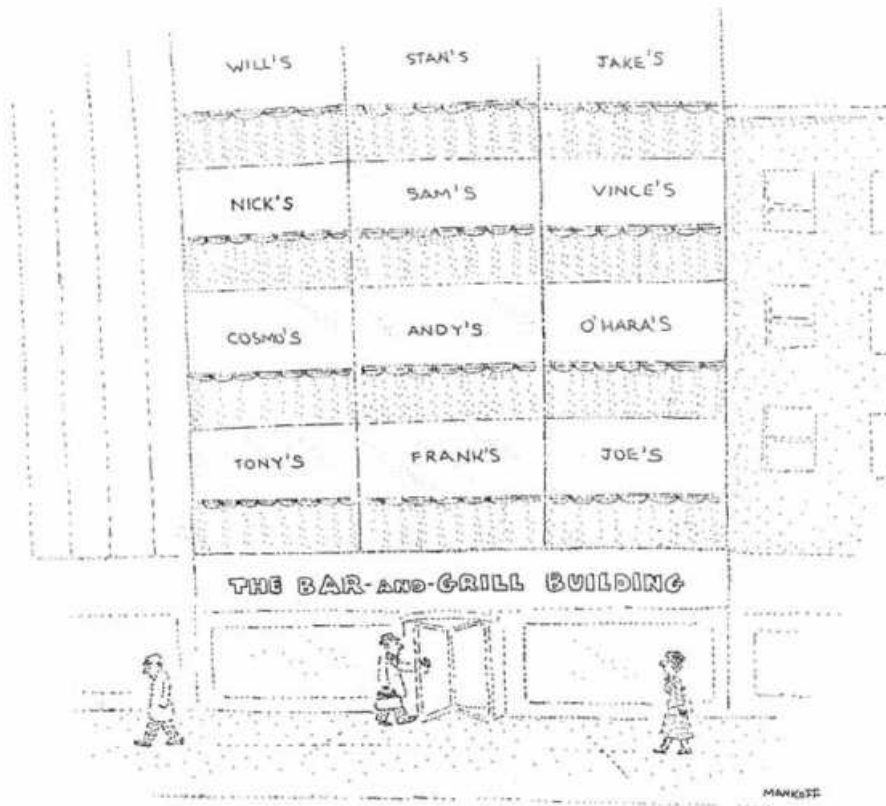
Flirtation

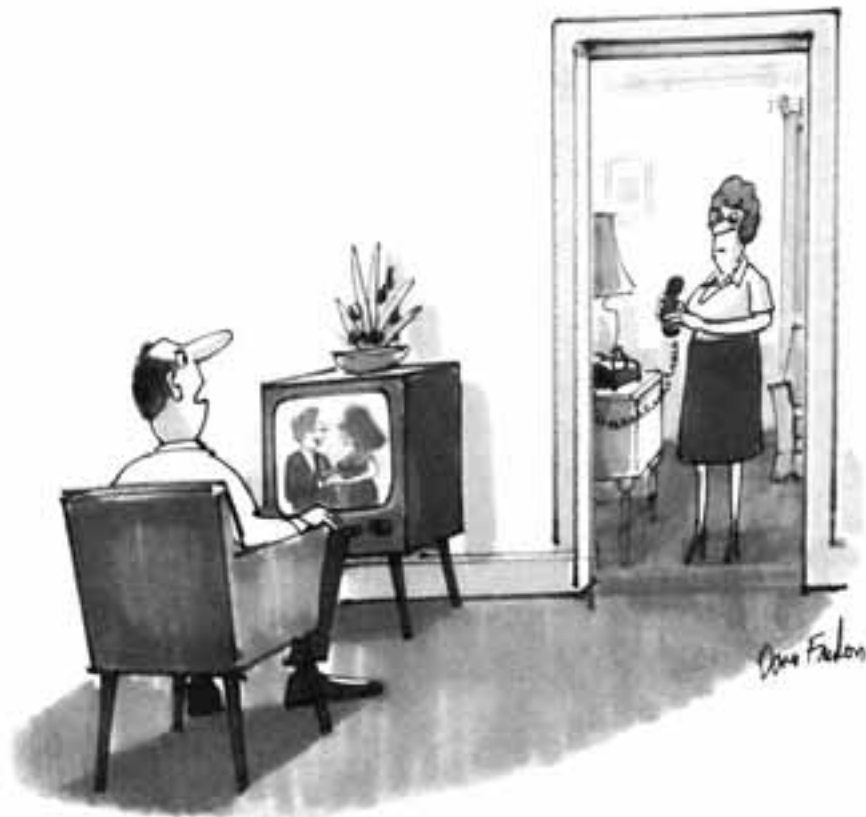


“Gee, Mr. Morrison! I never had a memo dedicated to me before.”









"You know I can't come to the phone. I'm glued to the TV."



“Hi there. I’m the king. How’m I doing? Hi there. I’m the king. How’m I doing? Hi there . . .”



"I keep thinking Ralph would look a hell of a lot more like the chairman of the board if he would just—I don't know—shave off that goatee or something."



"Right now, I'd even settle for a cracked one."



*"I've come full circle, dear. It's now my strong belief
that things are what they seem."*

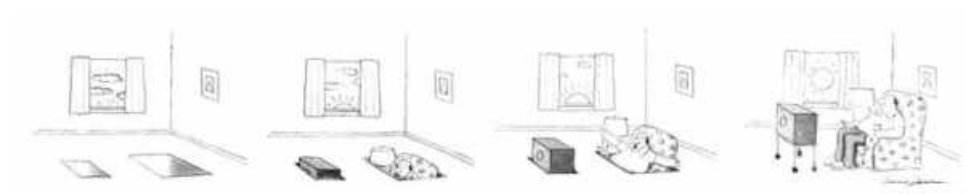


"He felt he was just getting to know Fritz Mondale."



"It's going to be great! All natural ingredients."

1981





Con Artists

William Steig (1/26/1981)

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*"Prices may keep going up, up, up, but my love for you
will remain positively, and forever, as is."*



“What do you say? Shall we get down to some serious bowling?”



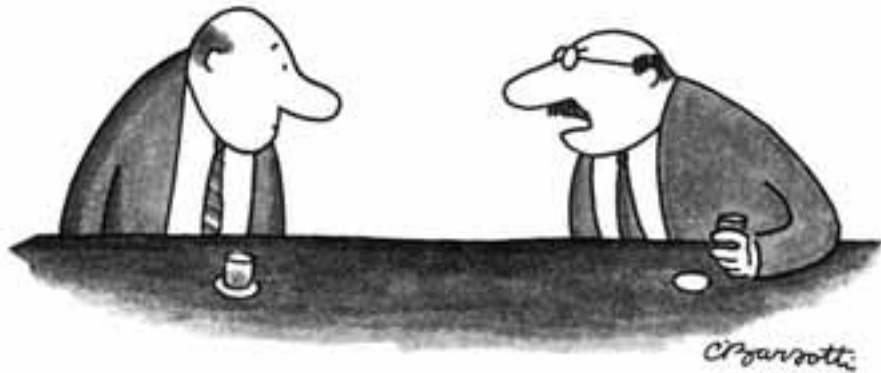
“We the jury award the plaintiff all the gold in Fort Knox.”



"Hey, c'mon, guys. I've got to get home."



"Over here, for God's sake!"



"No. We can't agree to disagree."

1981



“Number One, step forward and ask for more melted butter.”

1981

WEDNESDAYS on JUPITER



R. Chast





*“That’s Pemberton. He’s part of the mess we inherited
from the previous administration.”*



"You're cute—but you're trespassing."



Backstage



“Suddenly the little woman looked at me and I looked at her. We dropped our shuffleboard sticks, unloaded our St. Pete condo, and here we are, headed back to the action.”



"Sorry. Full."



*“In bottles we’ve got Heineken, Kirin, Beck’s, and Tsing-Tao.
On tap it’s Molson and St. Pauli Girl.”*



“The Thurmans are yet another couple who recently switched to coal.”



"Have a Reaganesque day."



“Cynthia’s and my value systems are incompatible, which actually gives our relationship more energy.”



“Gentlemen, our Business Satellite has been up there since December, yet business is still lousy!”

1981



"Taxi!"



"Never mind the 'Howdy, Ma'am.' Where the hell have you been?"

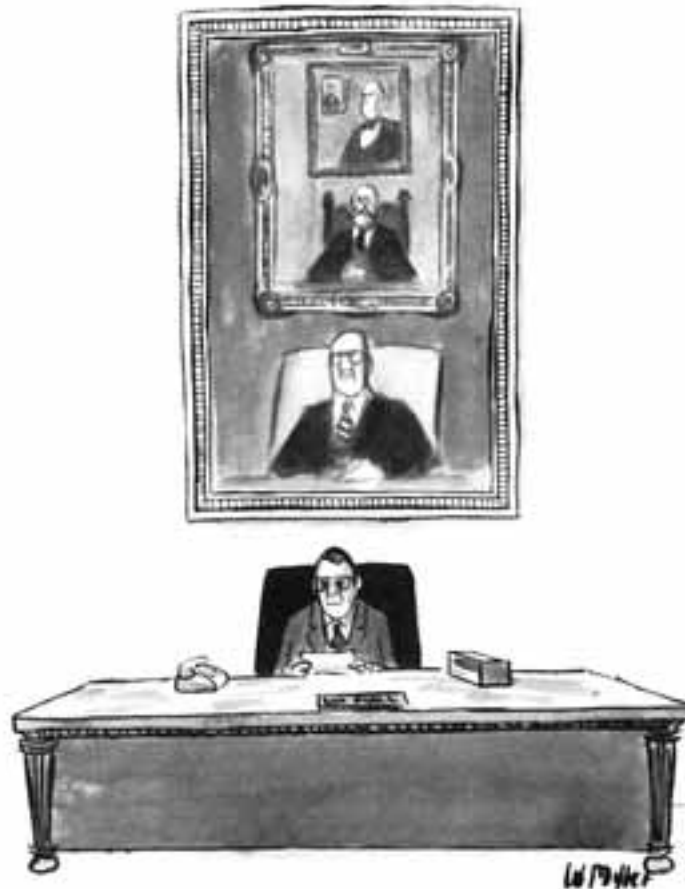


"Did you get my memo on conchs?"

1981



"We like it, Loo Fon. Let's fly it by the Central Committee."





“Well, you two! How was the big, wide world?”



“Do you know how masculine it is to risk crying?”



"The law, Williamson, is a jealous mistress, and that's something wives just have to understand."



“Mr. Hinkelmayer comes to us from old, old Vienna.”



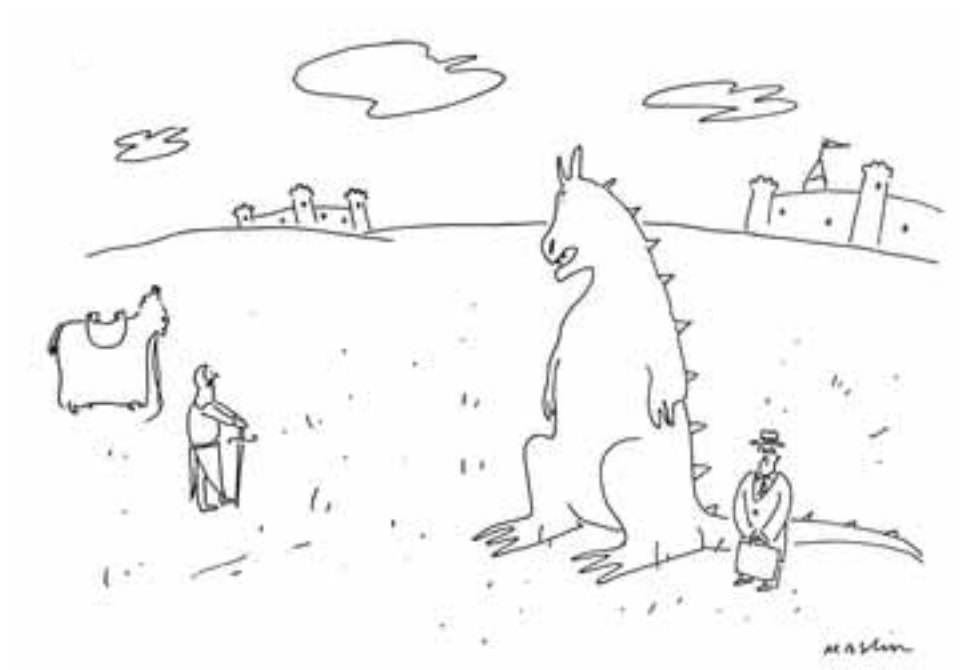


"Looks like Hathaway's career has finally taken off."



"Don't disturb Daddy. He has a lot on his mind."

1981



“Mr. Kenny here will attempt to resolve our differences.”



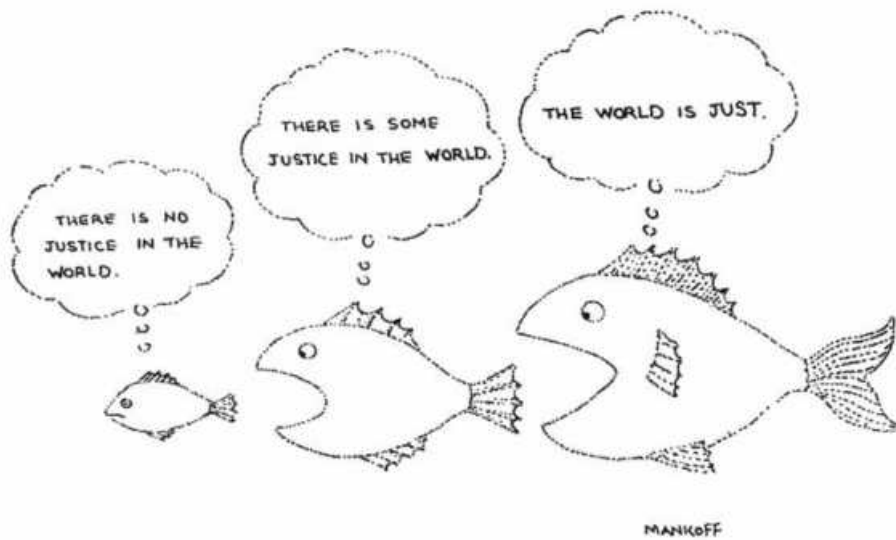
“What a pleasure to find someone else who detests digital watches.”



*“None of those are Mr. Lamson. They’re Mr. Lamson’s
surrogates. Actually, there is no Mr. Lamson.”*

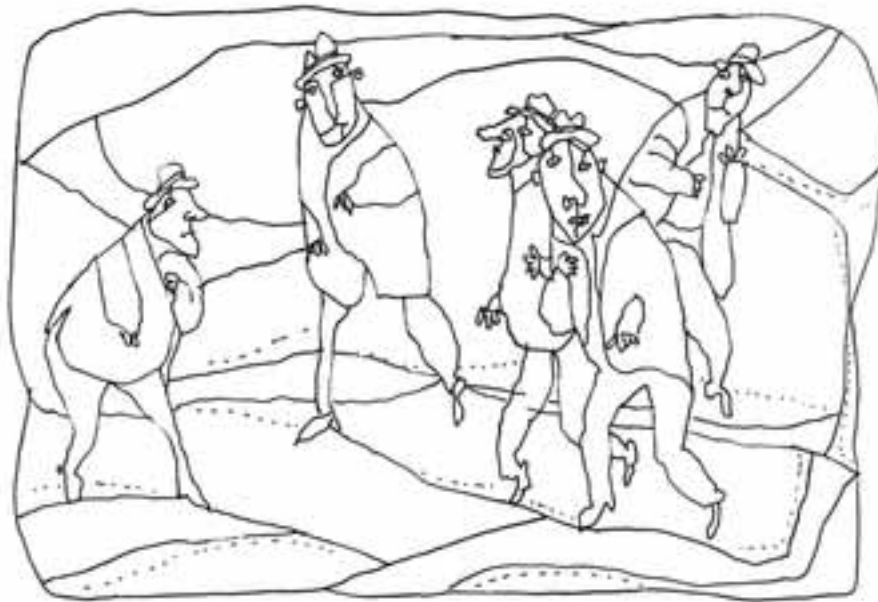


“Come on in, Dolores. Al got in twenty-five cords of firewood. I froze and canned a winter’s supply of food. And now we’re just putting the finishing touches on six months’ worth of money.”





"I added ginger to wake up the peas."

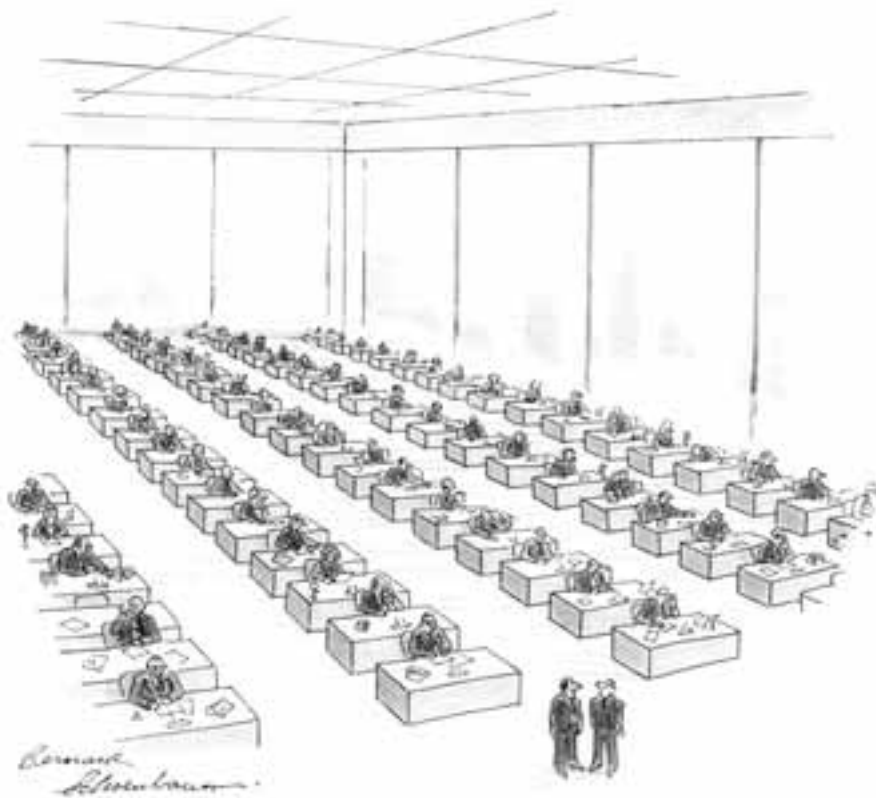


Tiptoes



"The third-largest bank in the country announced today that it would jump off the Brooklyn Bridge. Other banks are expected to follow its example."

1981



"Who sets the tone here?"



"He's an absolute treasure. We got him for four thousand eight hundred and ninety dollars at Radio Shack, batteries not included."



"The public be damned, right?"



“Terrific! Really great! I love it! Everybody in Athens loves it!”

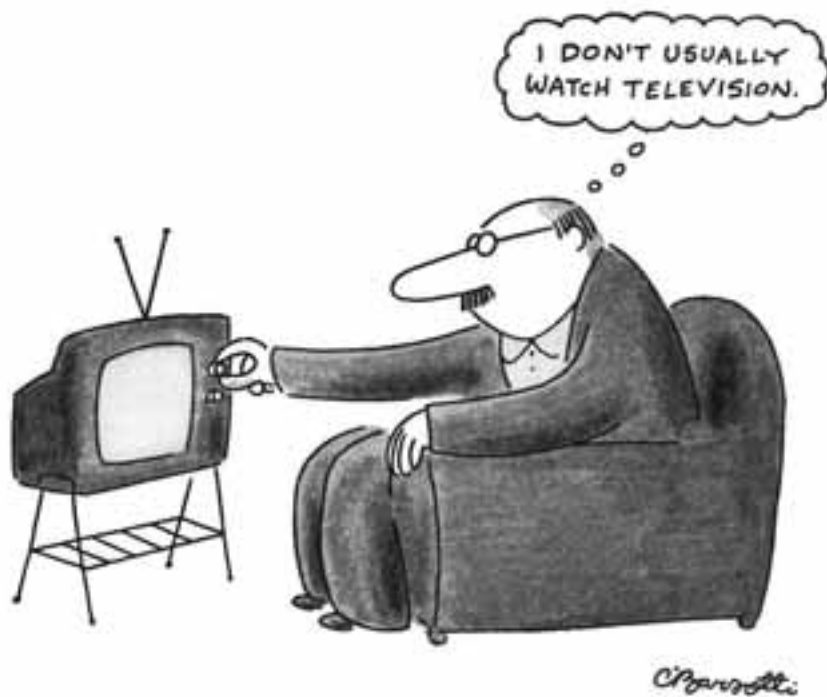


“Excuse me, Officer. I’m an academic. Where am I?”

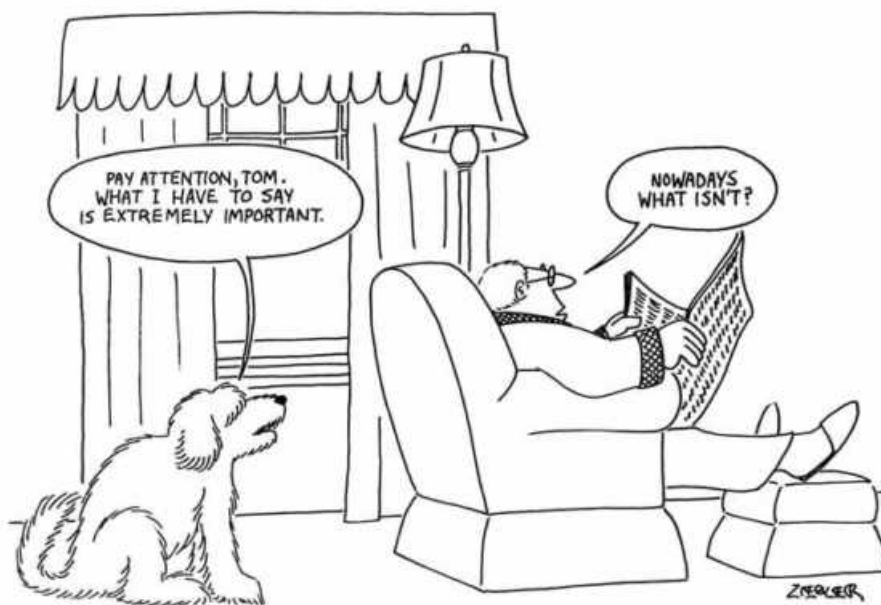


*“Dearest Elizabeth! Have I ever told you how
ravishing you look from here?”*













Charles Barsotti

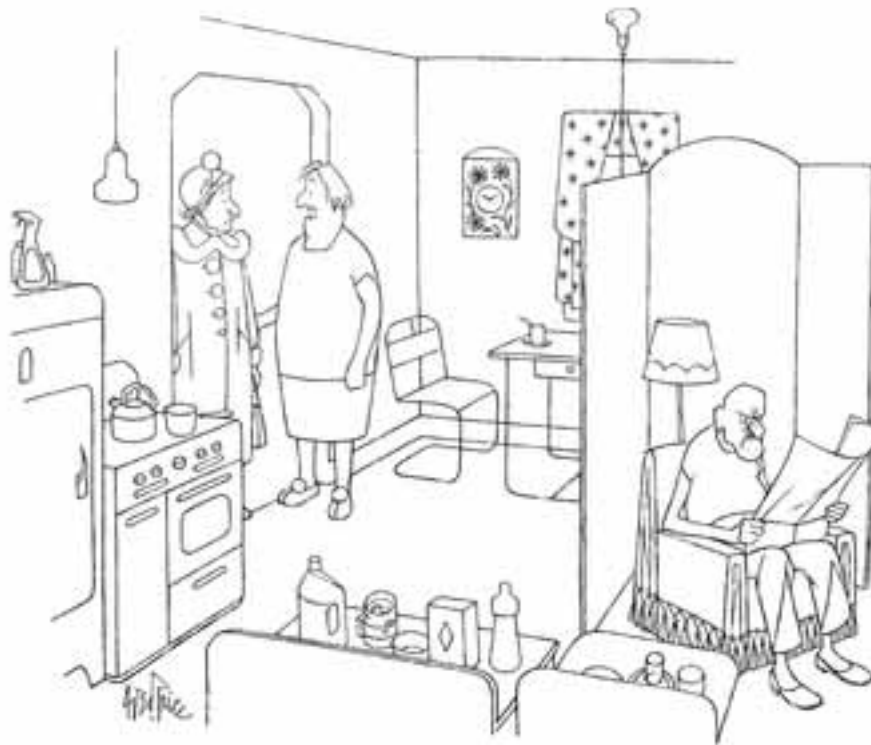
*"Where's
Joe?"*

*"I don't
know."*

"He's late."

*"Hope he's
O.K."*

*"He's O.K.
Just late."*

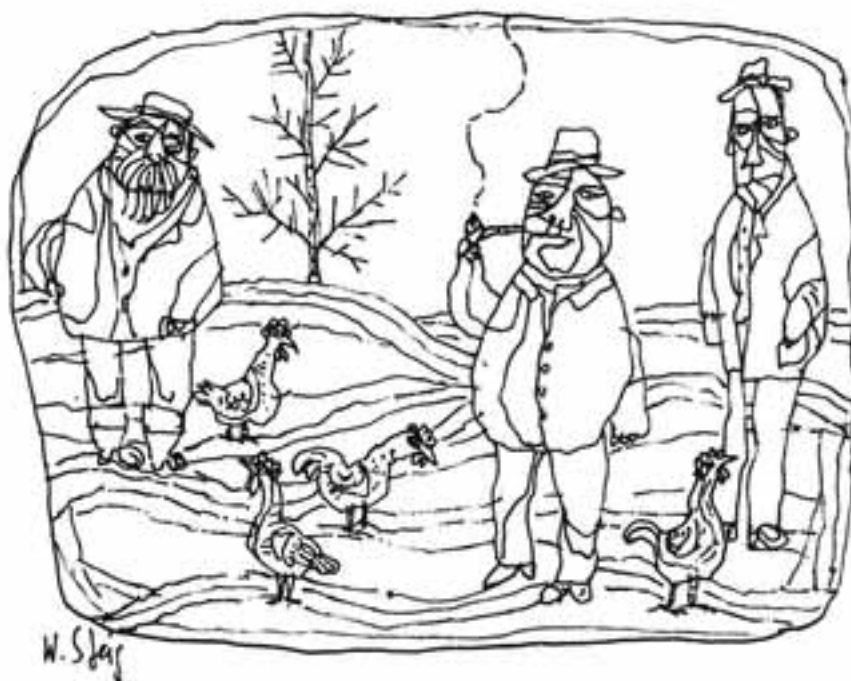


“And this is our breakfast nook, where the dawns come up like thunder.”





"George and I have never lied to each other."



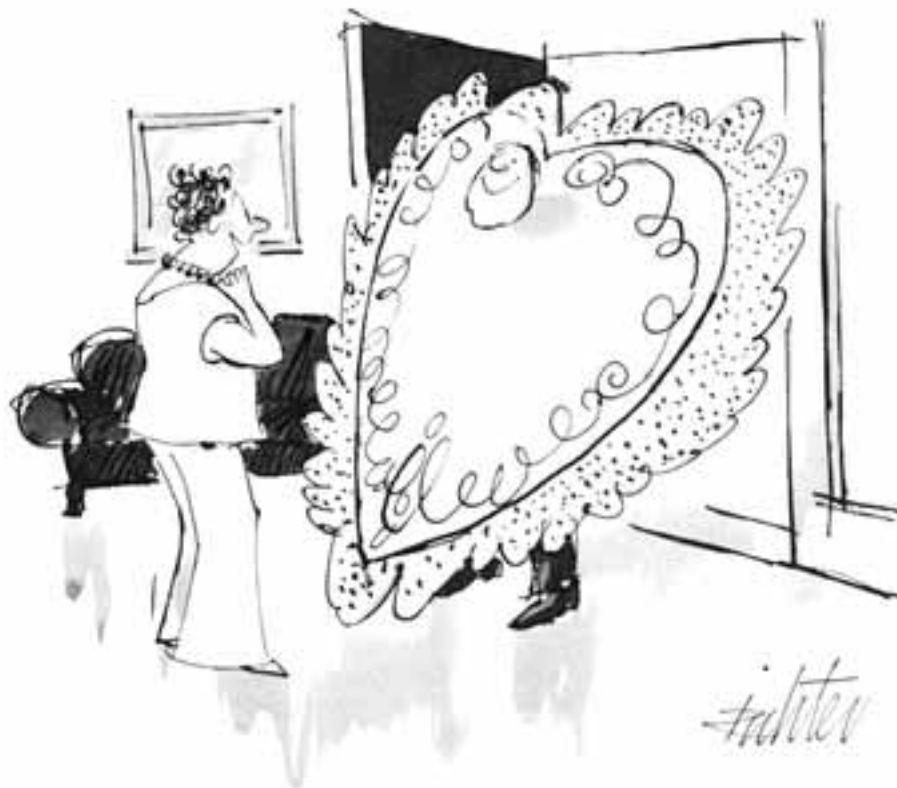
Chicken Fanciers



"All right, Atherton, you've made your point."



"I've got you under my skin."



"Honey! You remembered!"



“I love the Caribbean in February!”





“It was a cold night, like tonight, back, I’d say, in 1954. This guy comes in and says, ‘Give me a cheeseburger with everything on it and a cup of coffee.’ Well, to make a long story short, he eats it, tips me, and as he’s leaving he says, ‘My compliments to you.’”



"When Harlan zaps people, they stay zapped."



"Get in there, Denby, and cut fat!"



"I should get back early. I'm supposed to be on the warpath."



*"Gerald has any number of flaws, but
so far none have proved fatal."*



levin





"We'll have the 'average-couple special.'"

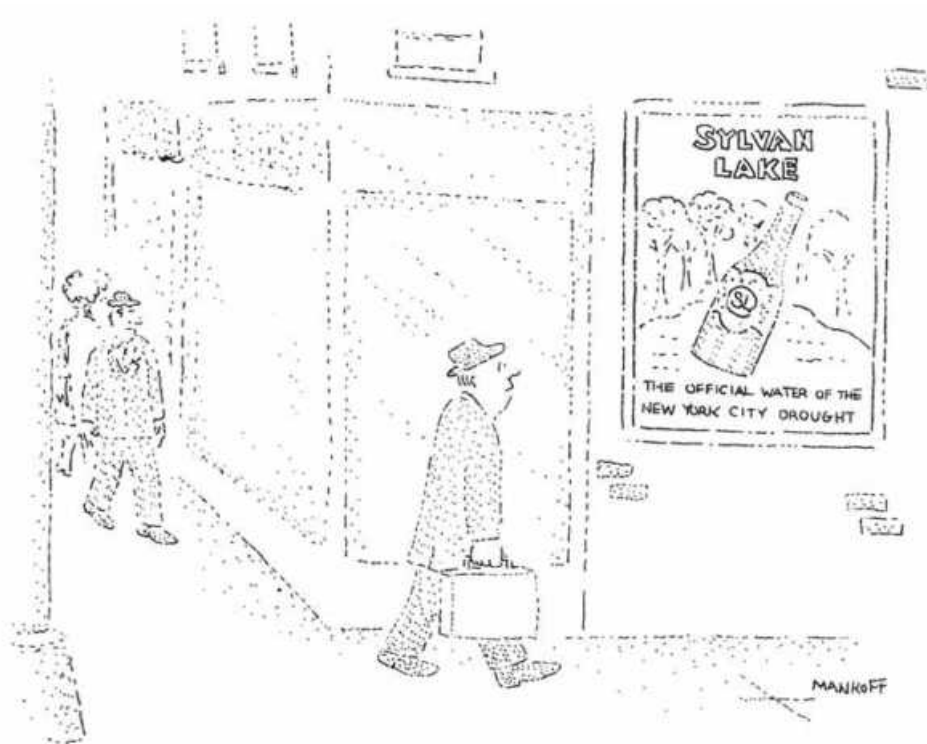




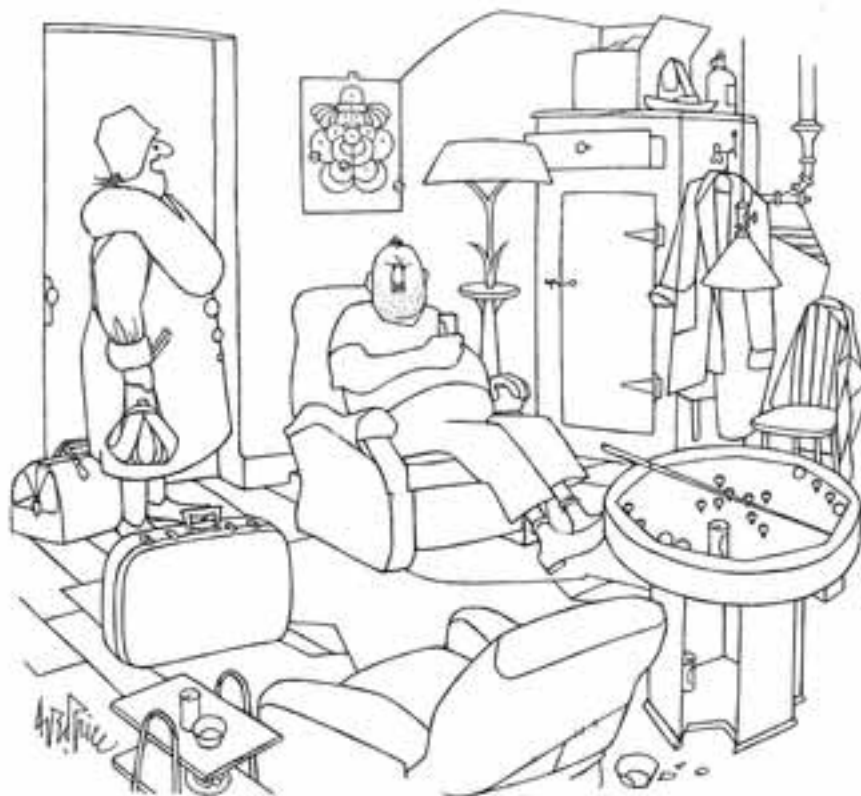
*"... and here to break the news to you gently
is our president, Lem Cauldworth."*



"Mr. Washburn is with the 'Times.' He's in reportage."





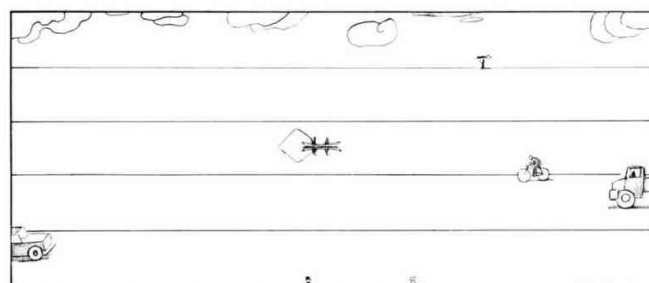
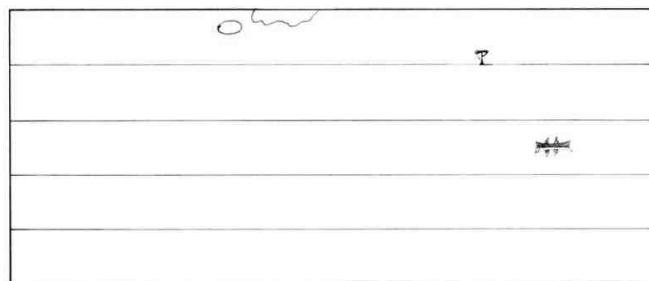
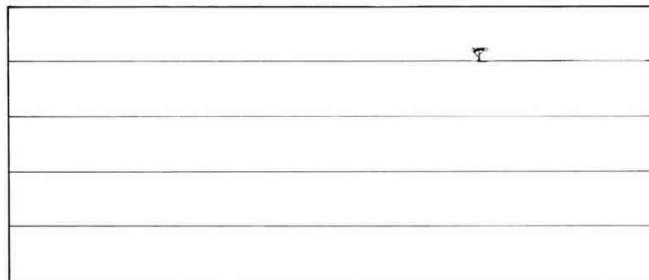


"Le Car keys, s'il vous plaît!"



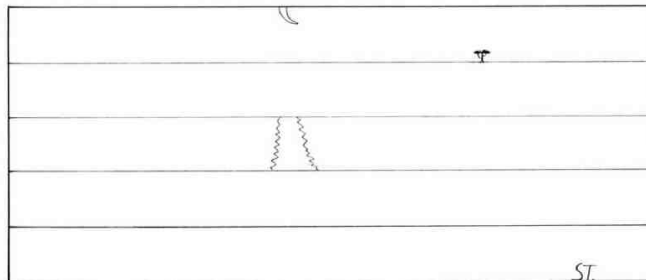
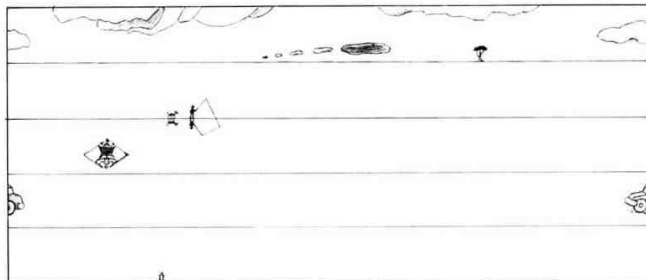
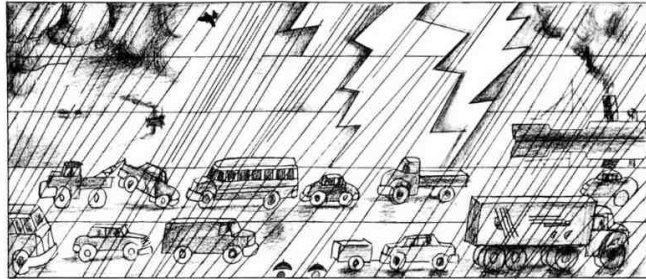
“Oh, sorry, Mrs. Willett. Forgive me for not returning your call sooner. Our computers are down.”

SIX HOURS (1 OF 2)



1981

SIX HOURS (2 OF 2)

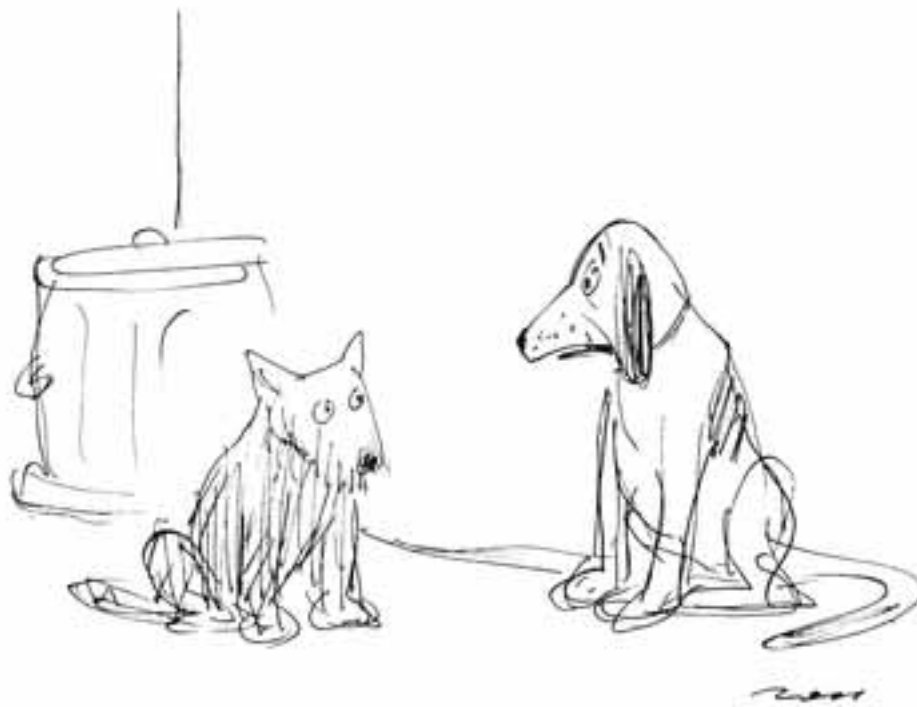




Page from an Album



"Everywhere you go it's Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. I've had it up to here with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart!"



*"I don't know. My bark isn't worth a damn
and my bite isn't worth a damn."*



"Someday, my son, all this will be part of your personal mythology."



"That was not an important message!"

1981



"The institution of marriage gets a big boost from you folks."





“Of course you’ve grown, Elsie. It’s Englewood that hasn’t grown.”



*“One more outburst like that and I will ask
the bailiff to clear the courtroom.”*

1981



"This, from J. P. Holmquist."



“I understand Reagan misses his ranch all the time.”



"Martha, I just thought of something pleasant to say!"



“Great sound, but rotten music.”

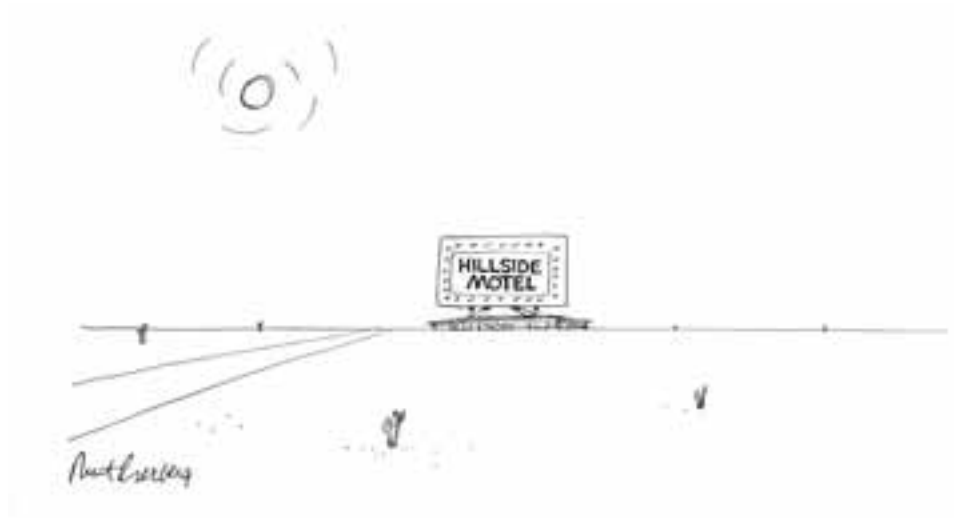


*“The Clarksons and the Baldwins are old money,
the Schaefers and McNallys are new money, the Judds,
the Lamberts, the Walters are no money . . .”*



"I hope to."

1981





"Keep it just as wacky but a tad less harebrained."



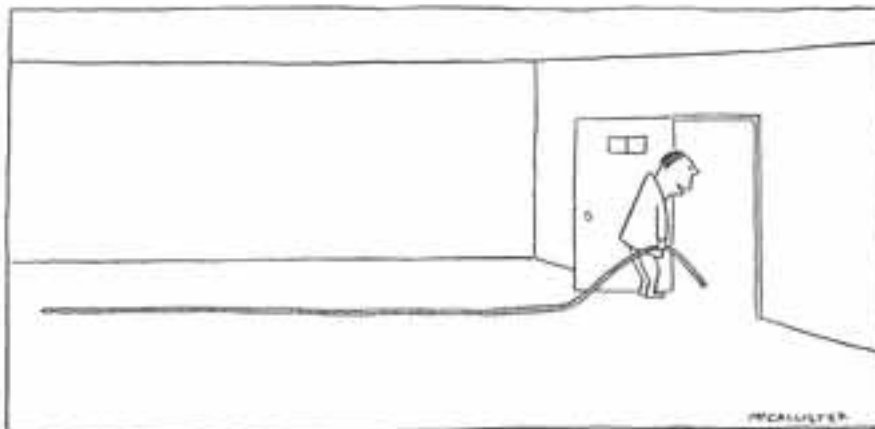
“Uncle Purvis was a man of high ideals. He subjected himself and his motivations to such rigid scrutiny that he rarely met his own standards. He never did anything.”



*"This is the main office. I'm afraid it's our tentacle in Sandusky
that manufactures the flashlight bulbs."*



“Don’t you think Jonathan is a kind of cross between Richard Dreyfuss and Henry Fonda when he was younger?”



"Tug-of-war, anyone?"

1981



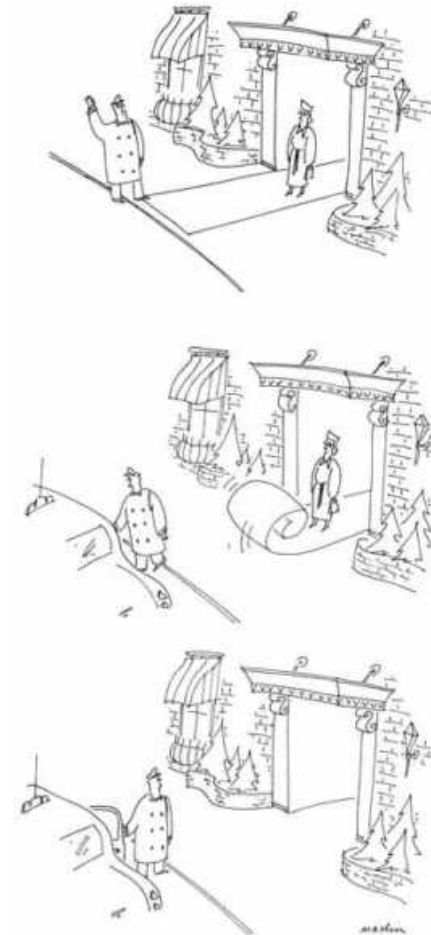




*"You'd think I'd get some credit for the thousands
of heads I haven't lopped off!"*



March





“Oh, Lord! Not another wine-and-cheese party!”



“When did you get in the habit of taking the long view?”



“Very amusing, but may I remind the witness that we are not on TV yet and he should just answer yes or no.”



“But surely you see the difference? My government sent yours an inadvertently confusing signal. That’s not the same as a deliberately confusing signal.”



Henry Martin

"I was dressed down and humiliated in front of all the other employees, informed I was fired, told to clean out my desk, handed my severance pay, and removed bodily from the premises. I guess it was just one of those days."



"Damn. Our other selves."



“Now, frankly, Ed—what’s all this talk about your being a fascist?”

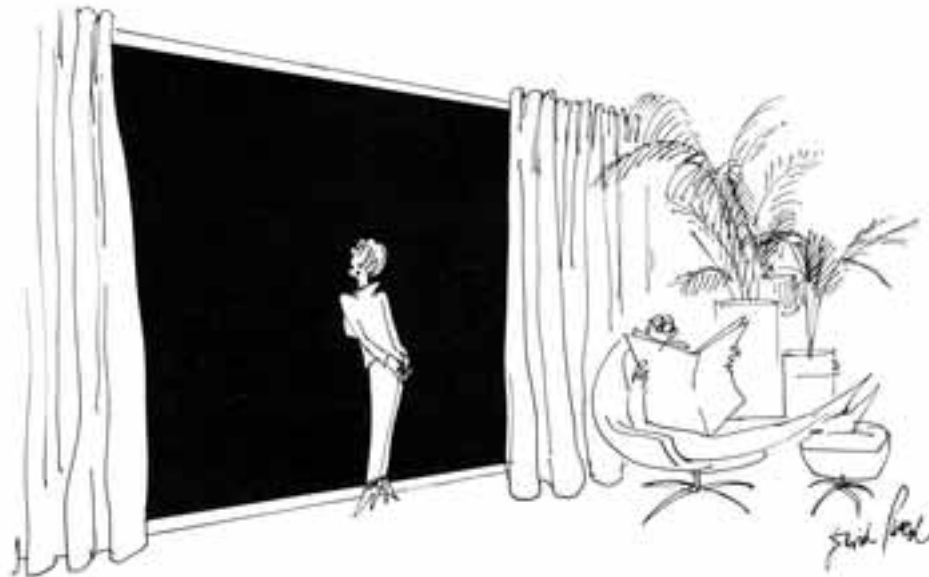


"He's a lot younger than he looks. And deeper in hock."

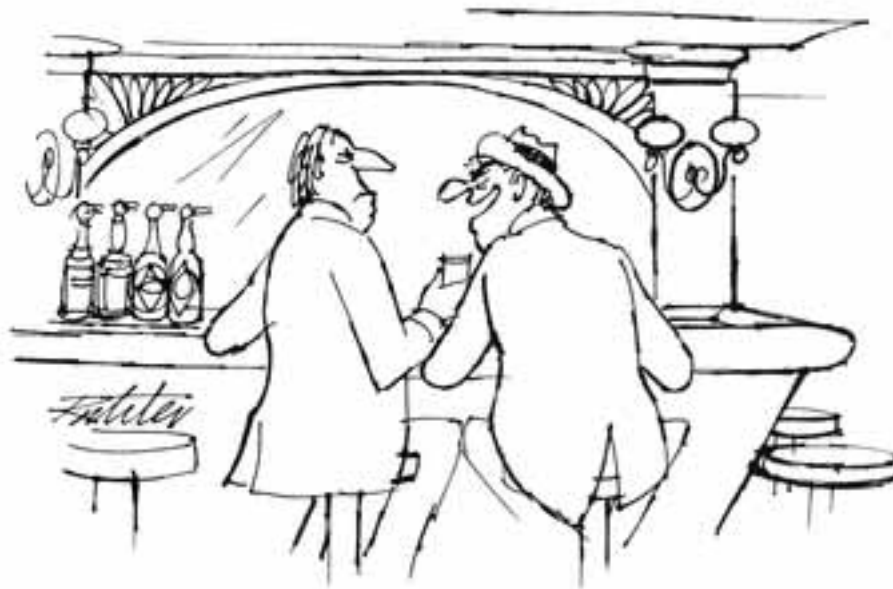


"Everybody loves Howard."





"Night just fell. Plop."



*"You were born too soon, I was born too late,
so what in hell is the difference?"*



"I like the perks, but mostly I like the do-re-mi."

1981



*"I'm not responsible for what you may or may
not have seen on 'Love Boat,' Ma'am."*





"Refresh my memory. Who was Carter's Director of the Budget?"



Gahan
Wilson

"Well, it certainly is nice to be back in West Palm Beach."



Witchcraft



“Dr. Gorman? My name is Milton Kruger, and I’ve
been very troubled lately by an asterisk.”*

1981



“Dee-fence! Dee-fense!”





"My wife! My best friend! My favorite TV program!"



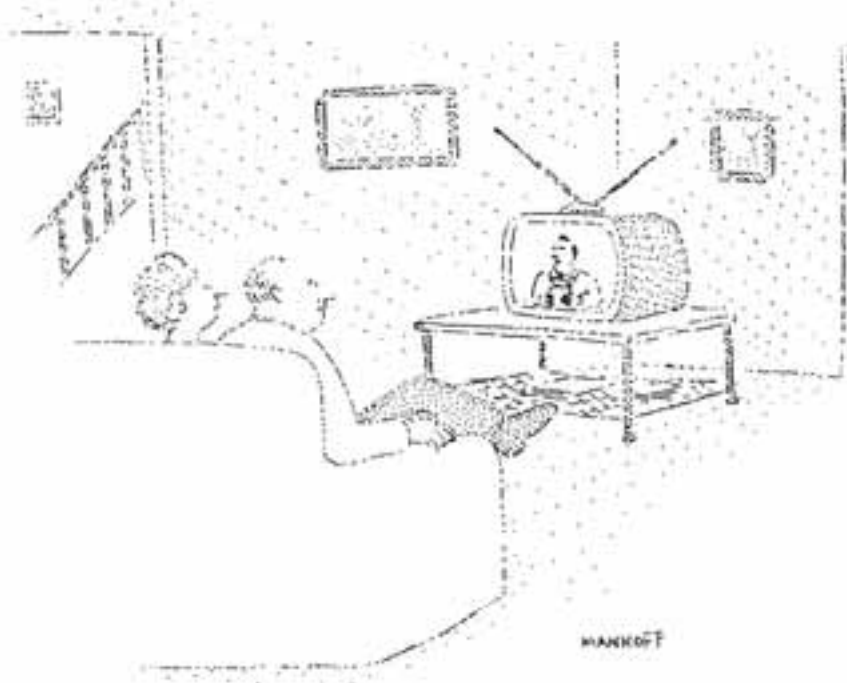


*"I assure you, sir, that we in management at Allied Energycorp
are ever mindful of our debt to Old Sol."*



*"If it's all right with you, I thought we'd do
some long-range planning tonight."*

1981



“At his news conference today, on his recent trip to the Far East, Governor Carey reported findings of rare spices and fine silks.”



"You call yourself a dog?"



"Dickie has just started Phase Two of his maturation process."



“Where did all these damn Australians come from, anyway?”





“Good evening, sir. I’m Hilda. Tonight I will be your waitress, bluefish will be your special, and watching your hat and coat will be your responsibility.”



1981



"You heard the President. We're in this together."



*"I don't suppose you'd believe me if I told you I was
looking for the Shah's hidden wealth."*



"Perhaps you'd care to speak to our dietitian."



"Has Nancy Reagan been wearing jodhpurs?"



“Superb Martinis!”

Robert Weber (3/16/1981)

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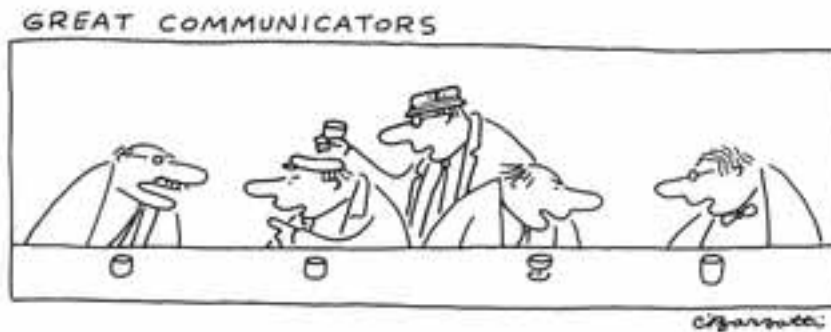
"I quietly slipped into town eleven years ago."



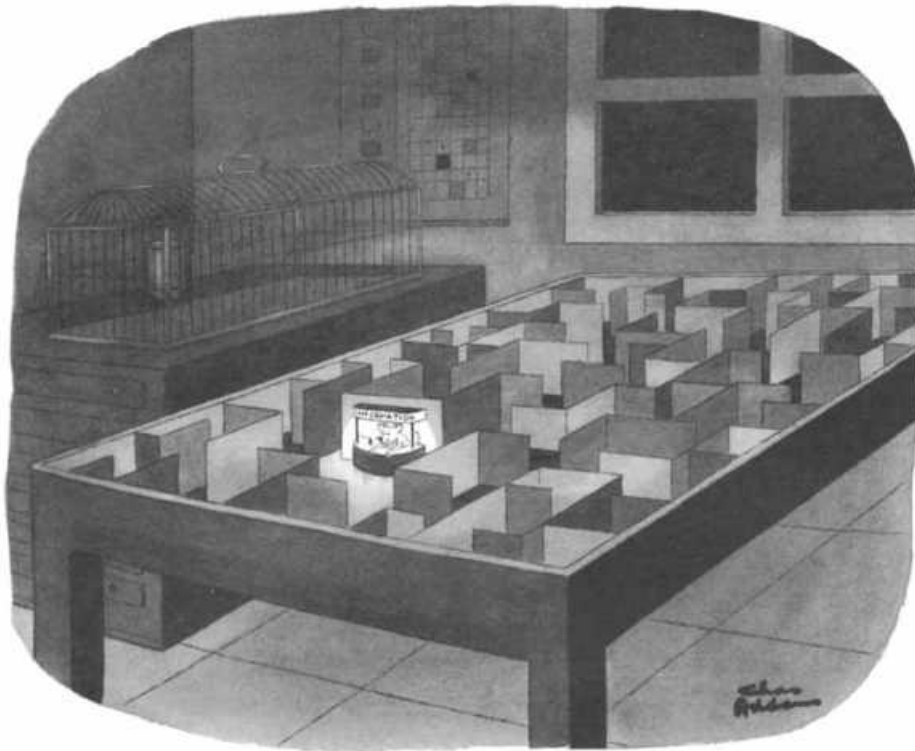
"I'm being very funny this morning, and you don't even notice it."



"I'm indoorsy and Paul is outdoorsy."



1981







"You've got character, Jennings. And I happen to think that's not a bad thing to have."





*“... and please grant me and the rest of the board
the grace not to abuse deregulation.”*



"We're just a couple of homebodies."



Drucker

*"Here's my book report. Please read it in a leisurely way,
to enjoy the style as much as the content."*





“Couldn’t you just hang me in effigy, as has been your custom?”



"Look, fella, I don't make policy—I just implement it."



*"I was kind of hoping Prince Charles would marry
Linda Ronstadt, but don't ask me why."*

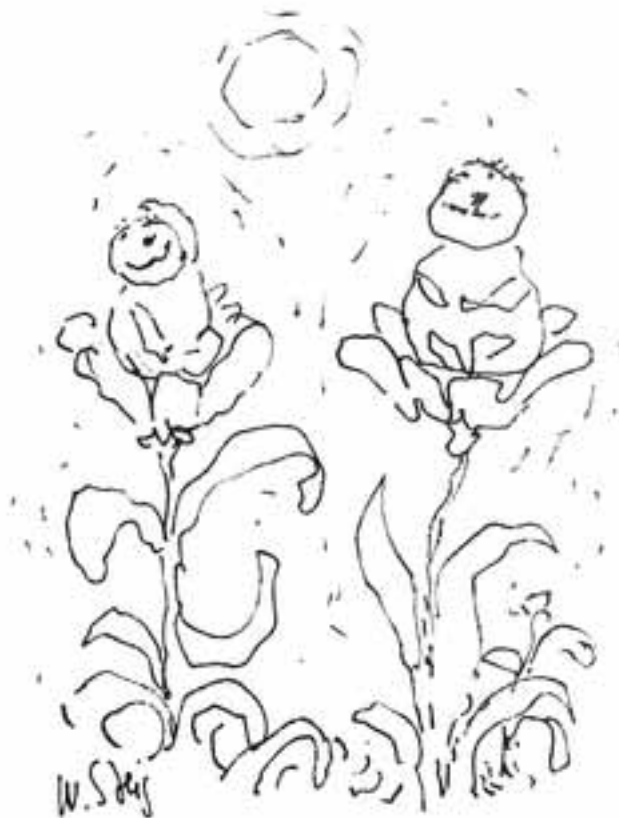






“Oh, nothing much, Frank. What’s new with you?”





Early Blossoms



*“Will you please stop saying ‘Ouch!’ every time
we chop something out of the budget?”*



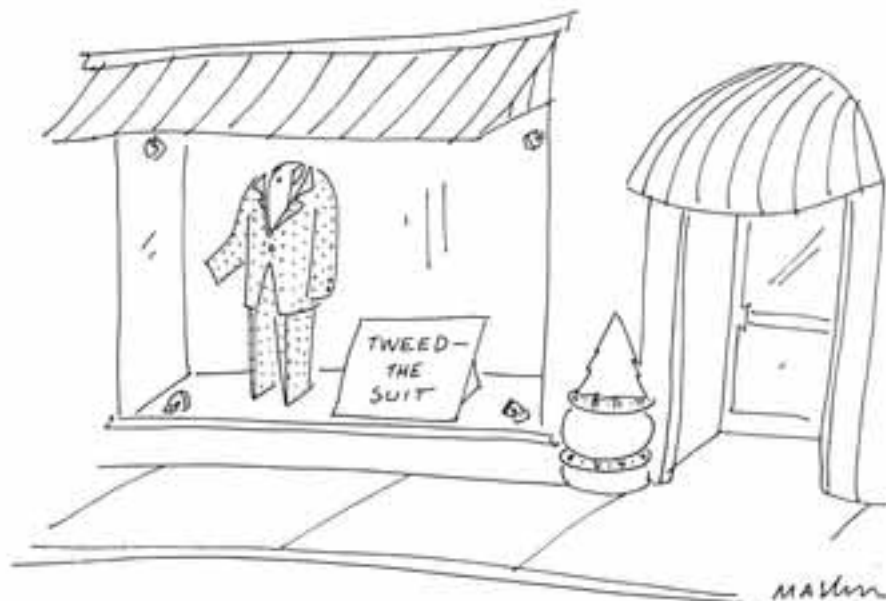
*“What’s this Louise Nevelson doing
in my medicine chest?”*

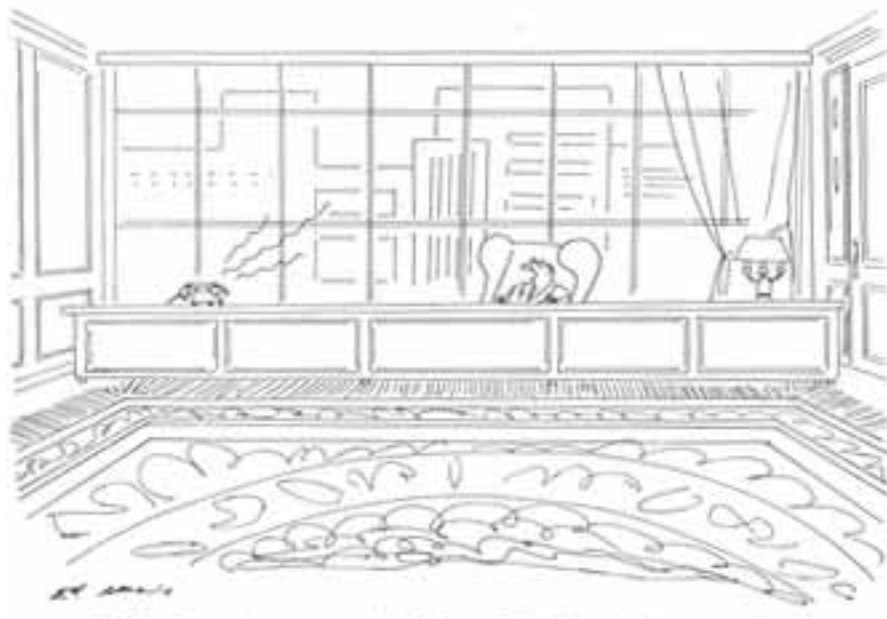




*"I'm Special Agent Kerrington, of the F.B.I., Mr. Ently,
and I just wanted you to know that we've checked you out
and you're a good citizen."*







*"If the phone will not come to R.J. Retton,
R.J. Retton will go to the phone."*



“Well, now, my Jerome is a worrier, aren’t you, dear?”



*“Welcome aboard, Mr. Ryker. For a while you’ll be a little
frog in a big pond, but we need little frogs.”*



1981



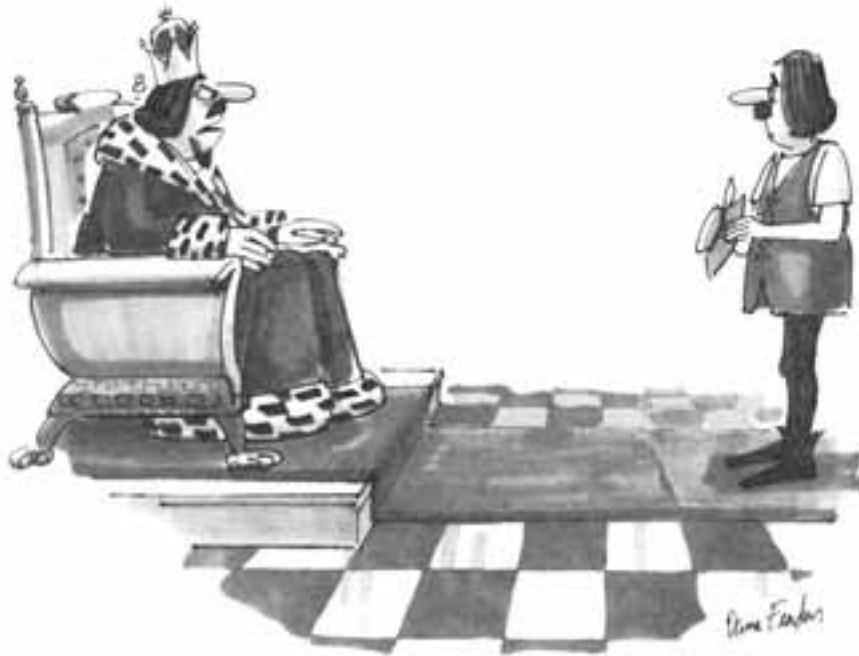




“With your permission, gentlemen, I’d like to offer a kind word on behalf of John Maynard Keynes.”



Gourmet Club



"I can't solve your problem. I am the problem."

... *from our* **SPRING CATALOGUE**

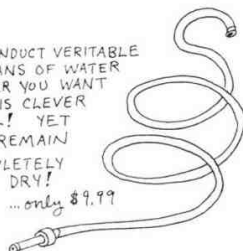
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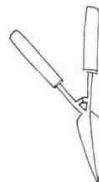
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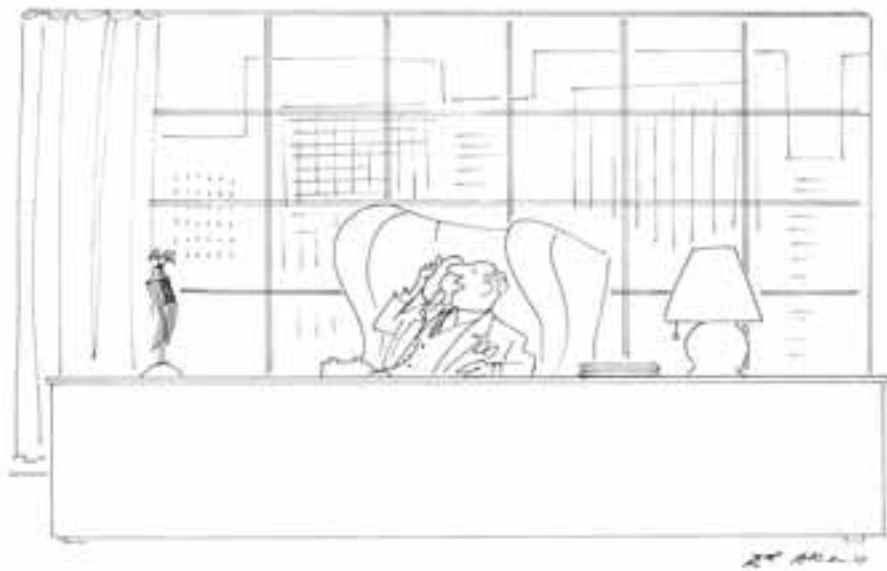
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“Al Woodward, sailing with the new winds from Washington, here.”

RIGOLETTO

PART II



see **RIGOLETTO**

PART III

COMING SOON



*“We’ll continue clickety-clack
down the track immediately following this delay.”*



“Are you sure they’re a hedge against inflation?”



"Ha-ha-ha, Rob."

"Ha-ha-ha, Phil."

"Ha-ha-ha, Rob."

"O.K., folks, and here's, ha-ha, Charlie, with the weather. Ha-ha-ha, Charlie."

"Ha-ha-ha, Rob."

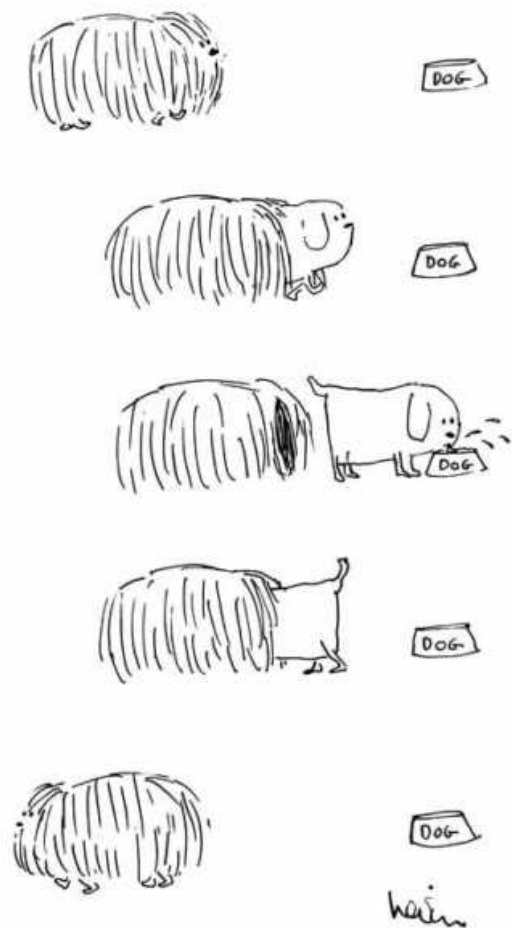




"When you say you'd like to sail away on a moonbeam, I'm afraid that's too fey for me to respond to."

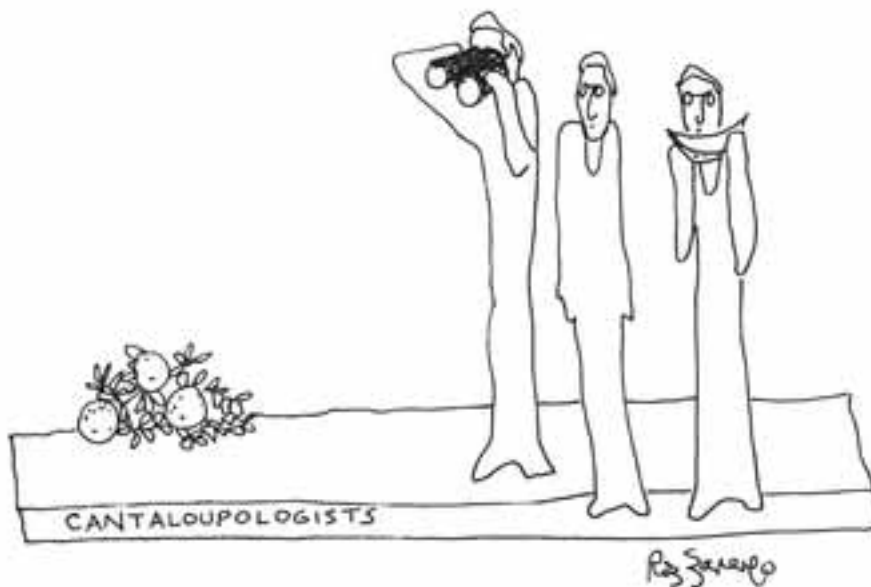


*"You can't change human nature. There will
always be conventional warfare."*

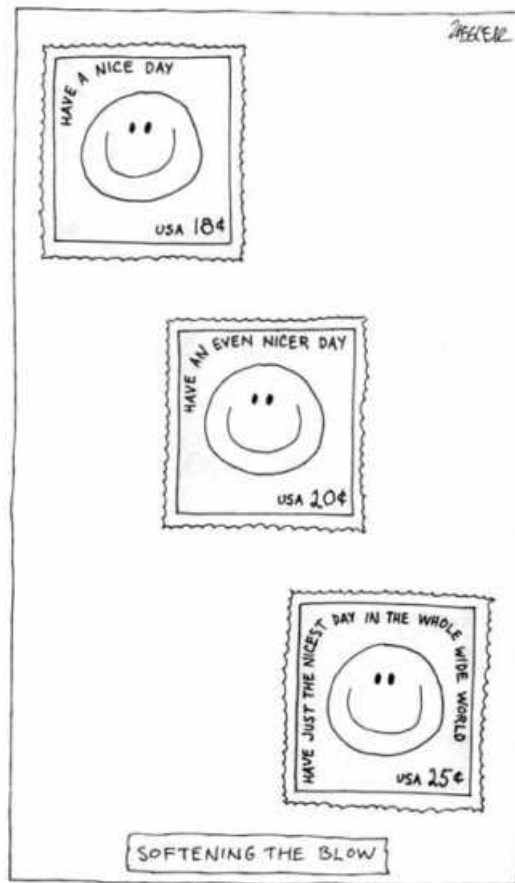




“Since this is the first time you’ve been brought in on one of these top-level meetings, Edgerley, perhaps you’d like to offer the opening pleasantries.”







BY ALLOWING THE PREDATOR TO BLEND
IN WITH HIS SURROUNDINGS, NATURE
AFFORDS HIM THE PROTECTION HE NEEDS
TO EFFECTIVELY STALK HIS PREY.







Still, Life Is Beautiful



"Say, where's that knowing little smile of the insider?"



“Ferguson claims he’s being whipsawed by inflation and taxes. Whoops! There he goes now!”



"James, James, it's only foreign policy!"



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Little Beverly
stares off
into space.

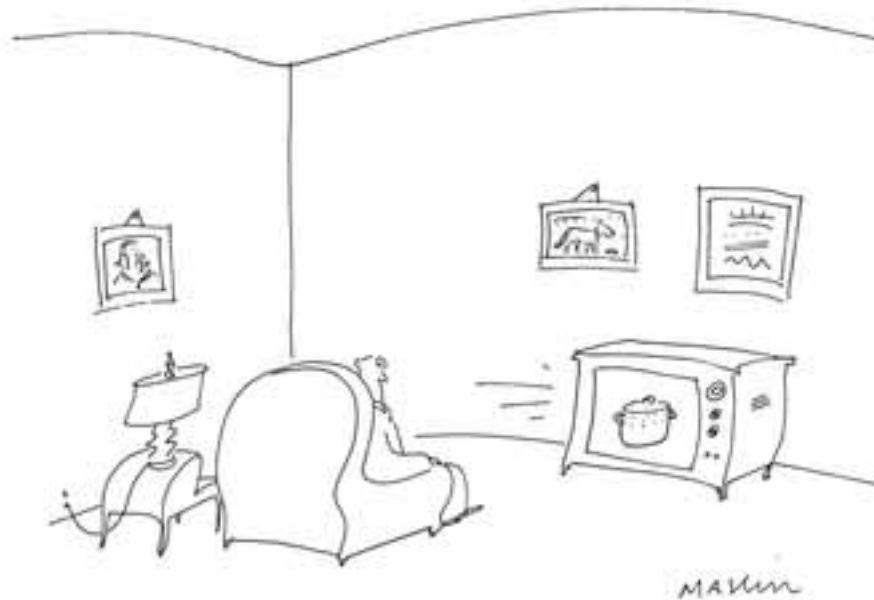


876
Little Beverly
contemplates
getting a cold.



1101
Little Beverly
experiences
free-floating
anxiety.

R. Chast



"How much would you pay for all the secrets of the universe? Wait, don't answer yet. You also get this six-quart covered combination spaghetti pot and clam steamer. Now how much would you pay?"



"I like him. I like her, too, but not as much."





“Collingwood is part angel, part devil, and all Republican.”



"I don't want any of this soft luggage. Show me some hard luggage!"





"I thought they responded to these college applications by letter."



*"And now it is my pleasure to introduce
His Honor the State Bird."*





"Of course, Barnaby Tadpole is just my pen name."

1981



“Will you be needing anything else, sir?”



*"I'll tell you one thing. I didn't get them looking
for political solutions!"*



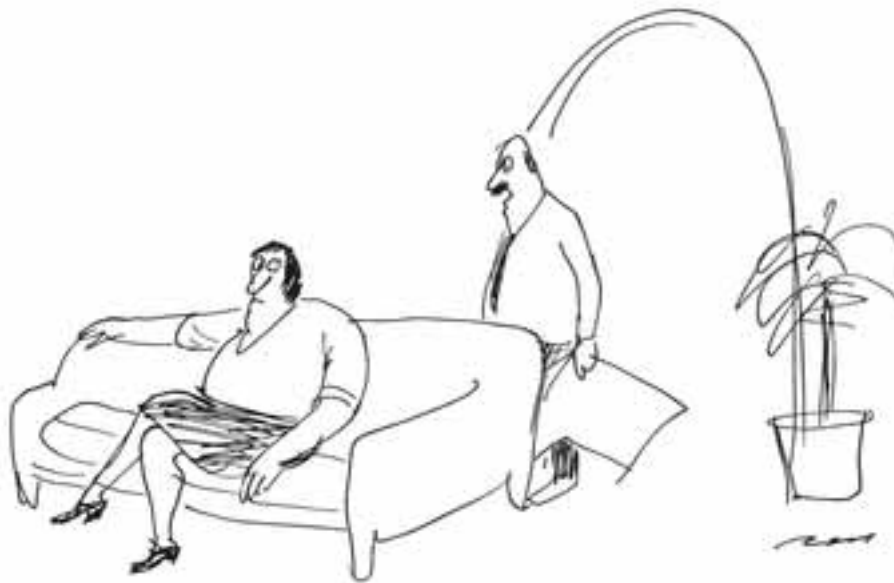
"I'm afraid I have bad news, gentlemen. We missed the safety net."



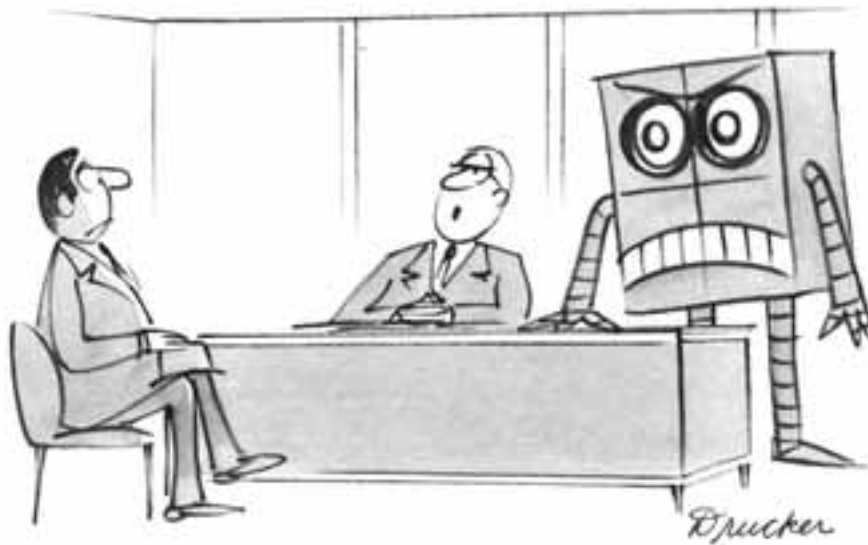
"Well, Remson, if you don't know why I called you in here and I don't know why I called you in here, I don't suppose anybody in the world knows why I called you in here."



"I am a little nervous. It's the first time I've ever pitched to two millionaires back to back."



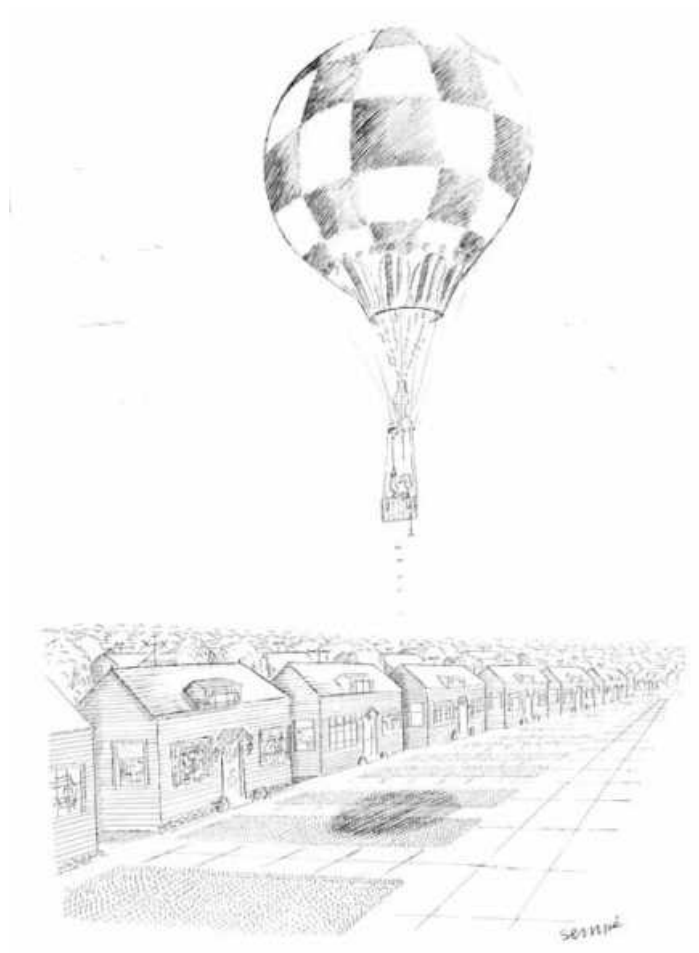
“Bernard Meltzer told me to tell you I love you. I love you.”



"Can you handle computers? We've got computers acting up all over the place."



"Wow, what do you make of that?"





"I grant you, I was hurrying, Officer, yes—but not to 'get' somewhere, just to avoid slipping behind!"



The Three Fates

1981



“Then it’s agreed. The problem’s not our fault, because the country’s run by low-level bureaucrats.”



"Next car, please."



*"I've come back to you, Emily. Charlotte couldn't
cope with my pompousness."*



*"What a delightful surprise. I always thought it
just trickled down to the poor."*





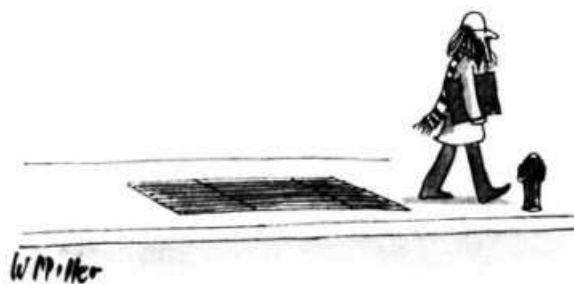
“... and that’s the way I see it. And now back to you, Ralph.”

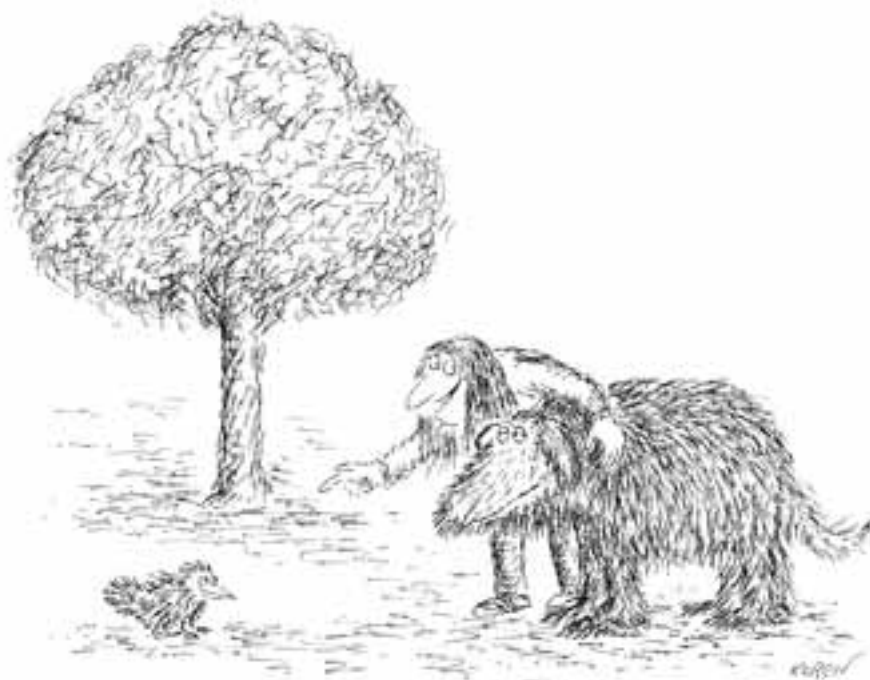


*"I called you in here, Donaldson, to remind you that
you're skating on mighty thin ice."*



"Dear, I'm going out now."





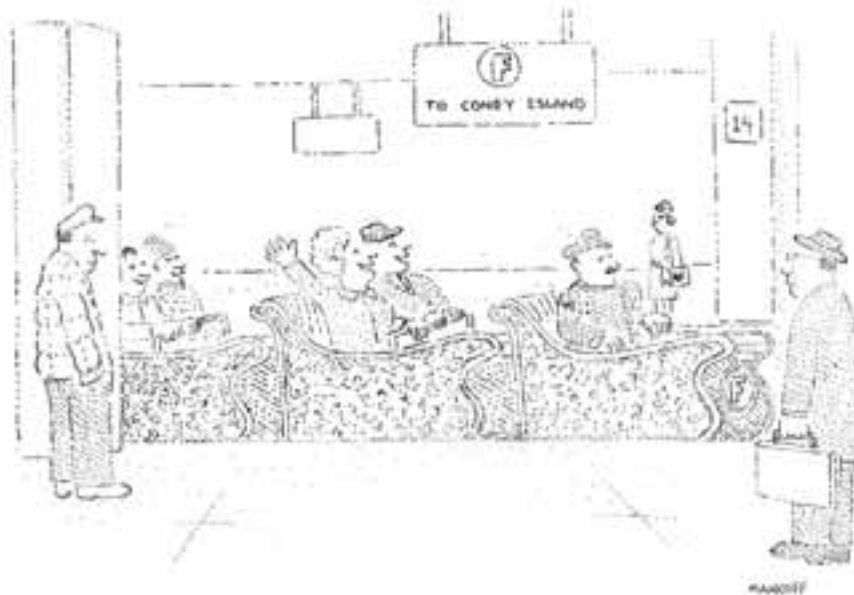
“That’s a bird, spelled b-i-r-d.”

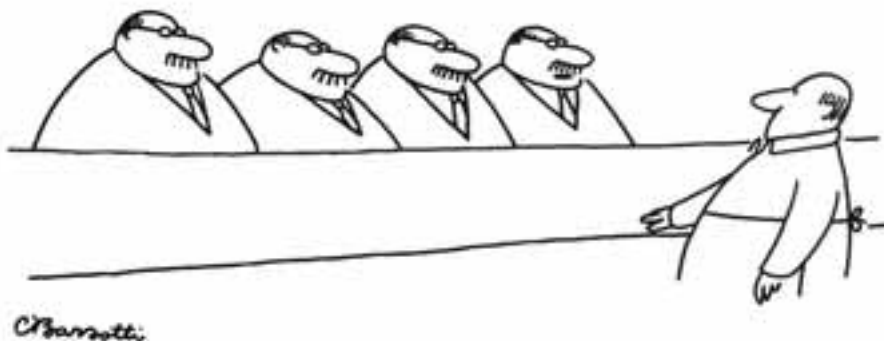
INCONSPICUOUS CONSUMPTION



a. Chast

1981





"We're the Dunderstat brothers. From now on, we'll be regulars here."

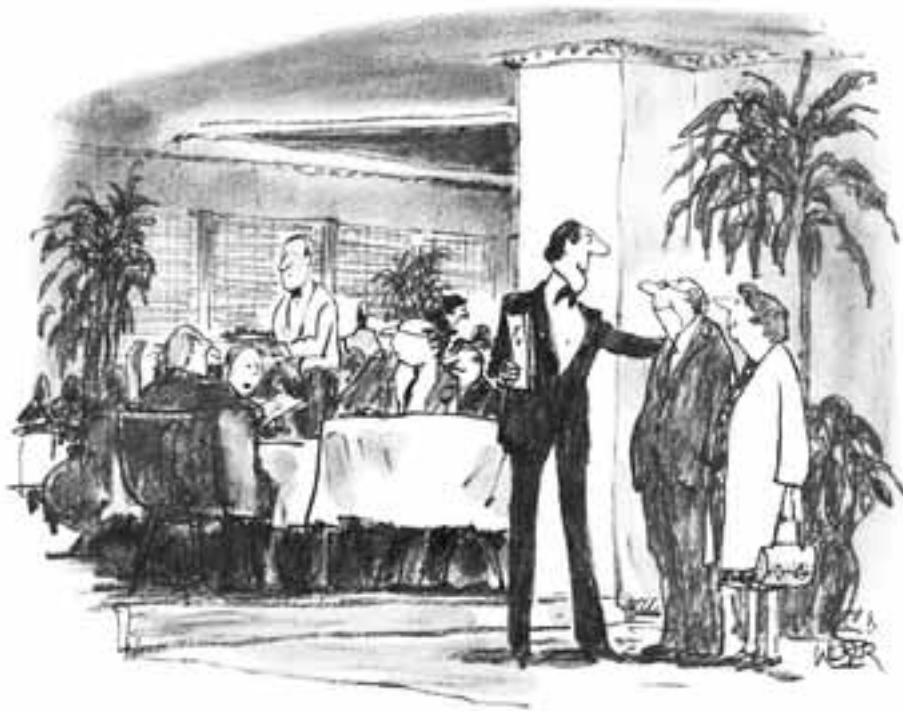


"In sum, and in conclusion, gentlemen, the finding of the university's Futures and Directions Committee is that somebody, somehow, had better come up with the scratch."





"You look cuddly."



*"I'm going to put you in the back, next to the kitchen.
It's where Spencer Tracy used to sit."*

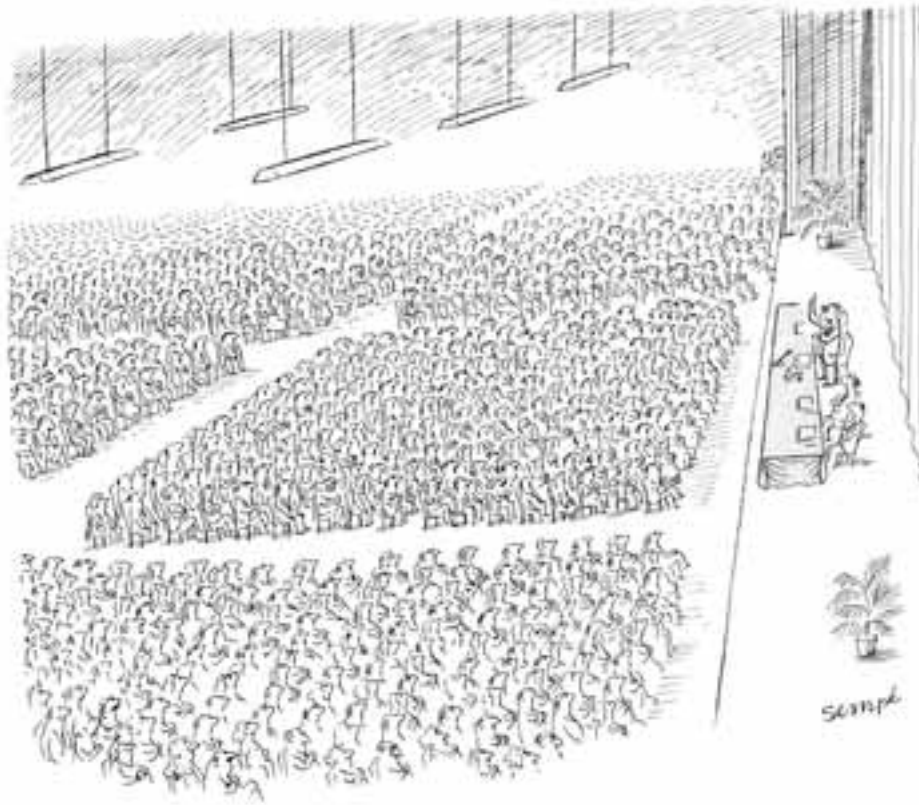


*"Philip never wants to do anything anymore
unless it's on the corporate level."*





*"I'm an Episcopalian on my mother's side and a
supply-sider on my father's."*



“And, to express our disapproval, we shall now observe one minute of grumbling.”



*"I understand you've learned some new tricks
since you were here last."*





“He’s so glad to get back to global strategy after all that preoccupation with domestic social programming!”



*"I'll be hoisting a few down at Grogan's.
You keep the conversational ball rolling."*



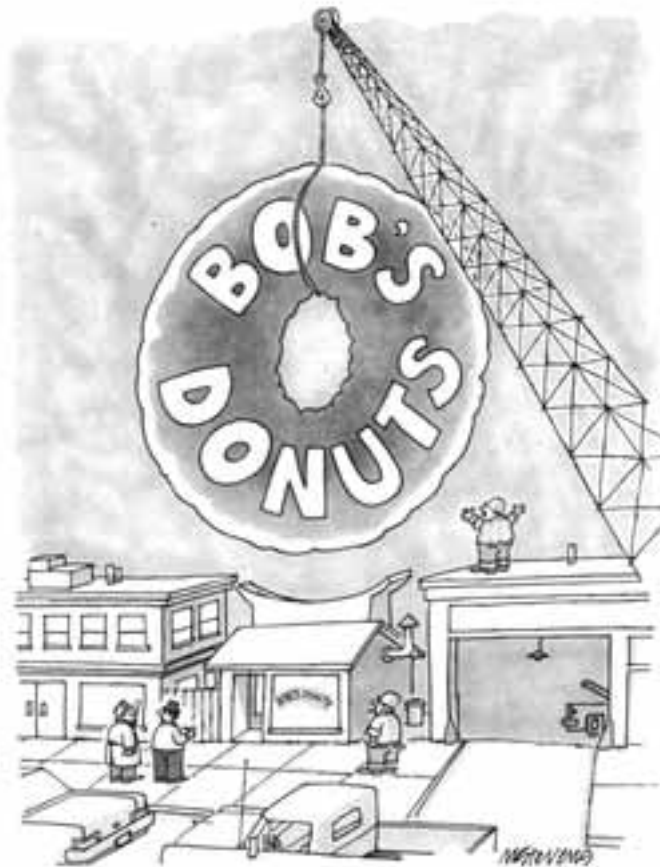
"We're back a week early. California rubbed Roy the wrong way."



The Minute One's Back Is Turned

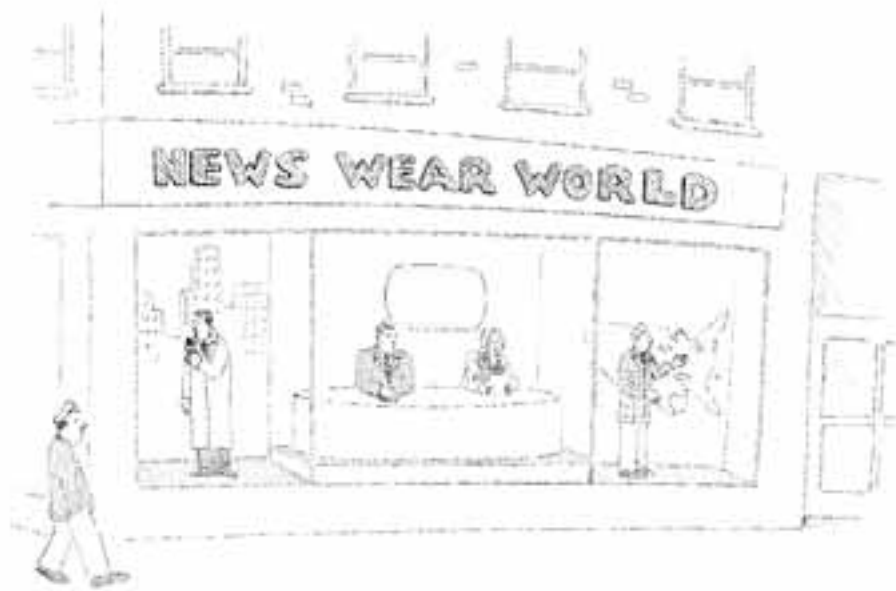
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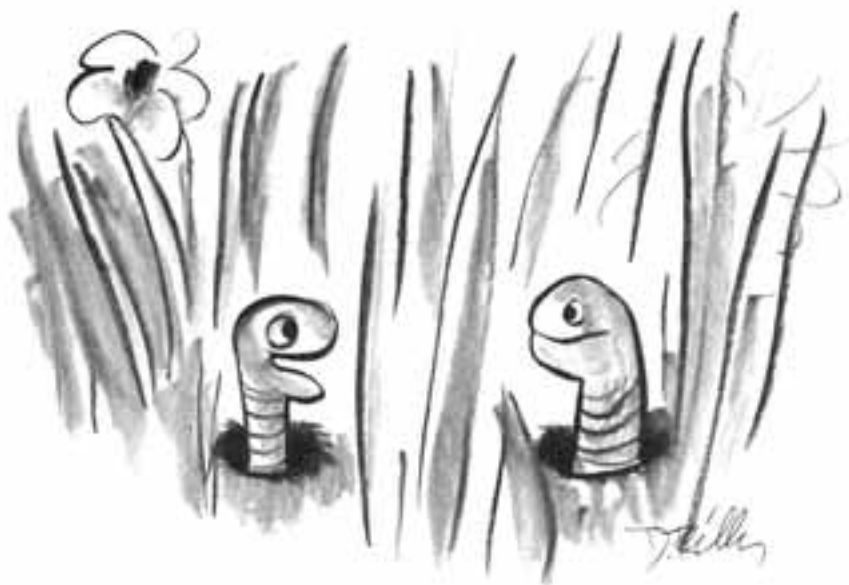




“Well, Bob, this is kind of a big day for you, isn’t it?”

1981





"Happy Earth Day."



"That's odd. I thought I made an offer they could live with."







“Reservations, please. And while I wait, I’d like to hear Act II of ‘Tosca,’ sung by Tito Gobbi and Maria Callas.”



“Must we start every day with the morning gold fixing in London?”



“Perhaps you gentlemen would help me assure Mr. Elliot N. Talbert III that although this may not exactly seem to be a ‘noble’ way of doing business, it is nevertheless a perfectly legal way of doing business.”



"No, I don't think the infield-fly rule applies to our marriage."



EXTREMELY
SÉCRET AGENTS



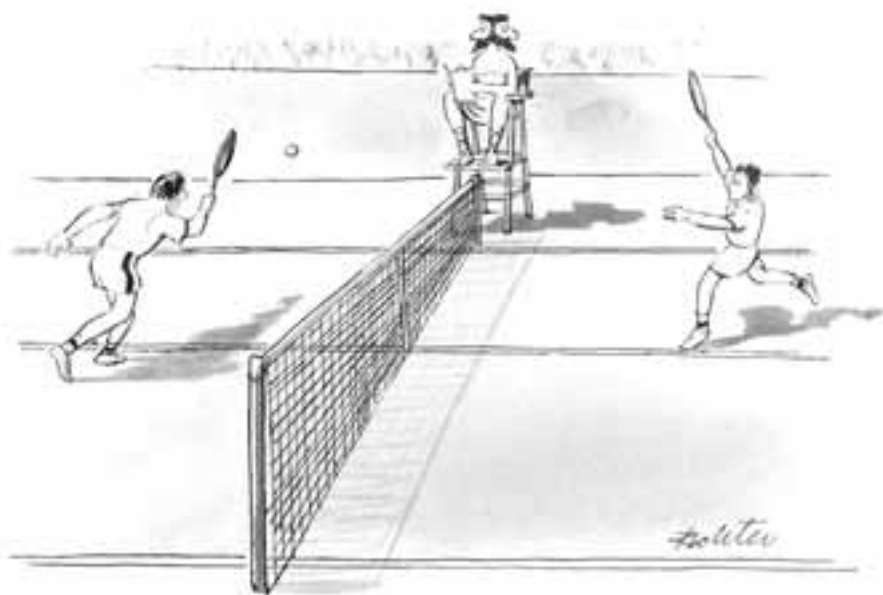
R. Chast



"I understand the house is a mess inside."

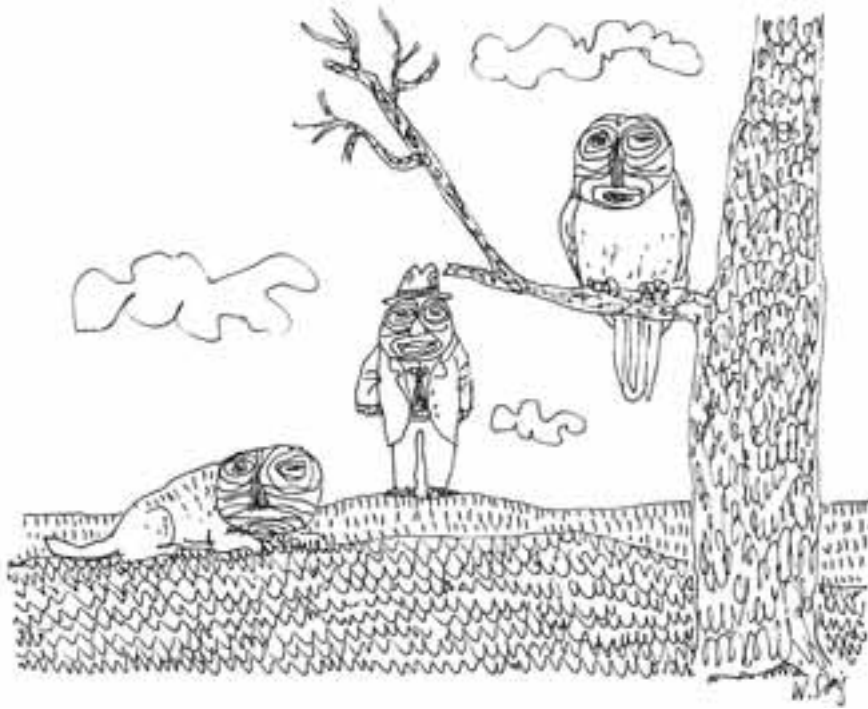


*"In a world gone totally berserk, my dear,
you are an island of sanity."*





"I find this acid rain gives a nice little fillip to it."



Forms of Life

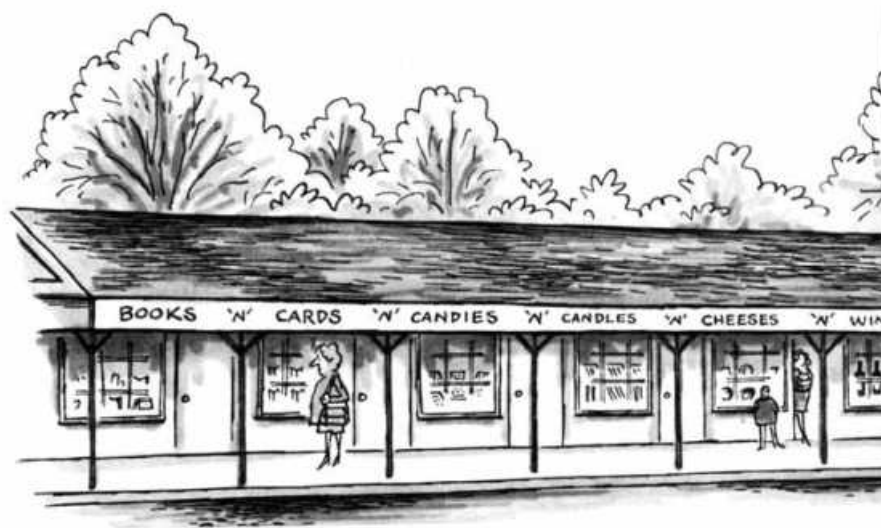
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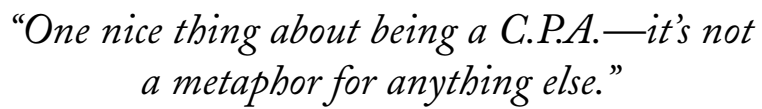


"It looks like R.B. is about to make policy."

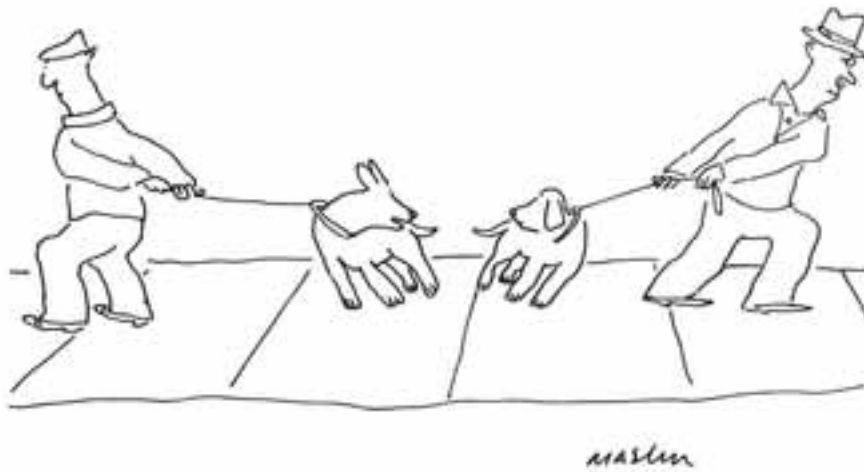


"And above all, Wilson, a good banker can't just like money, he must love money."





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“Adieu.”





"Frankly, Mr. Dudley, I find your wife's cooking to be quite delicious!"



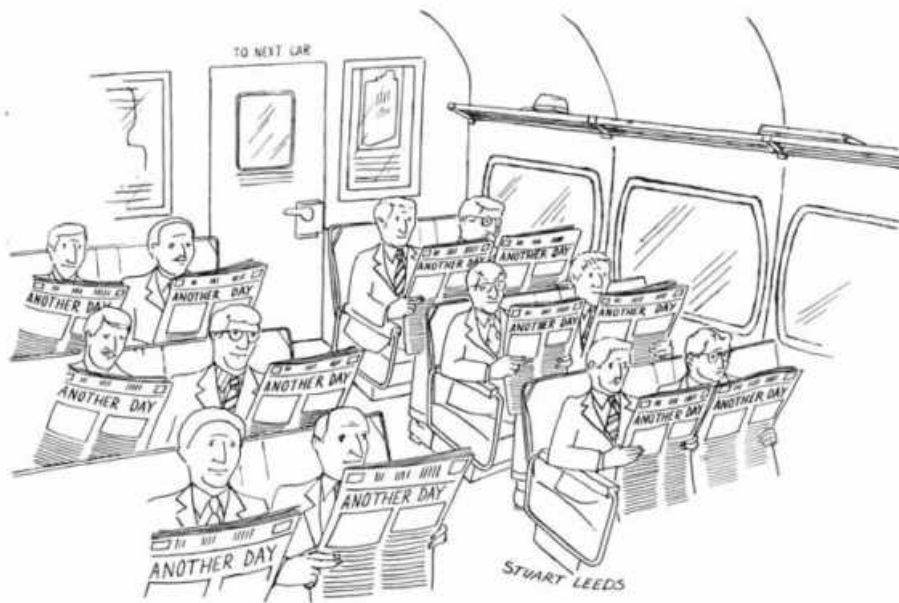


"Beg pardon, Captain, but me and some of the boys would like to sing you a little chantey we just composed about being so off course we don't know where the hell we are."



*"We've had some fun times together, Andrew, but I don't think
I could face a lifetime of you sending back the wine."*

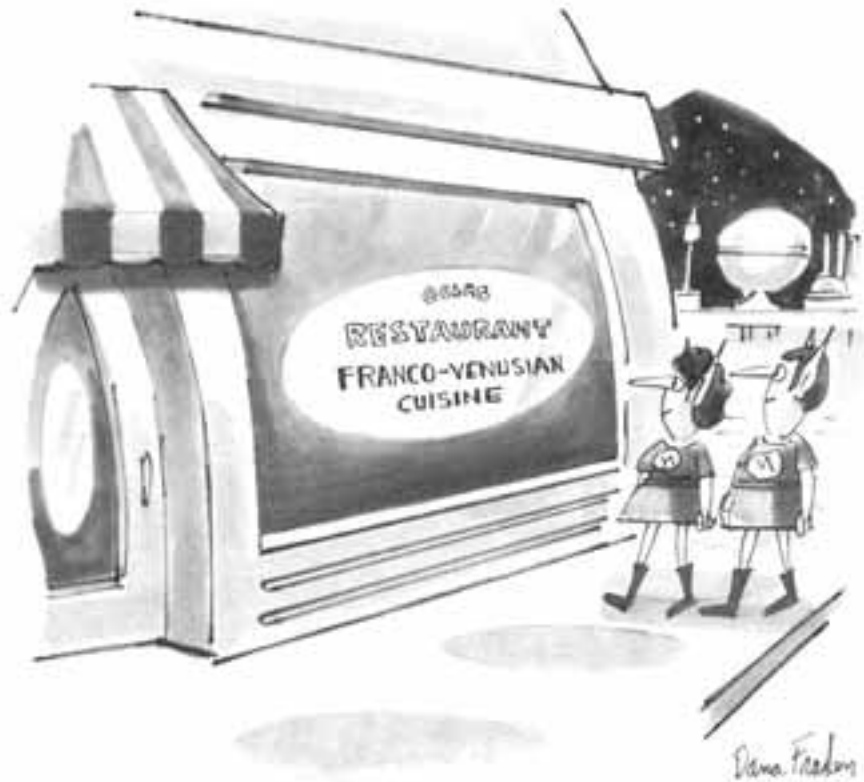


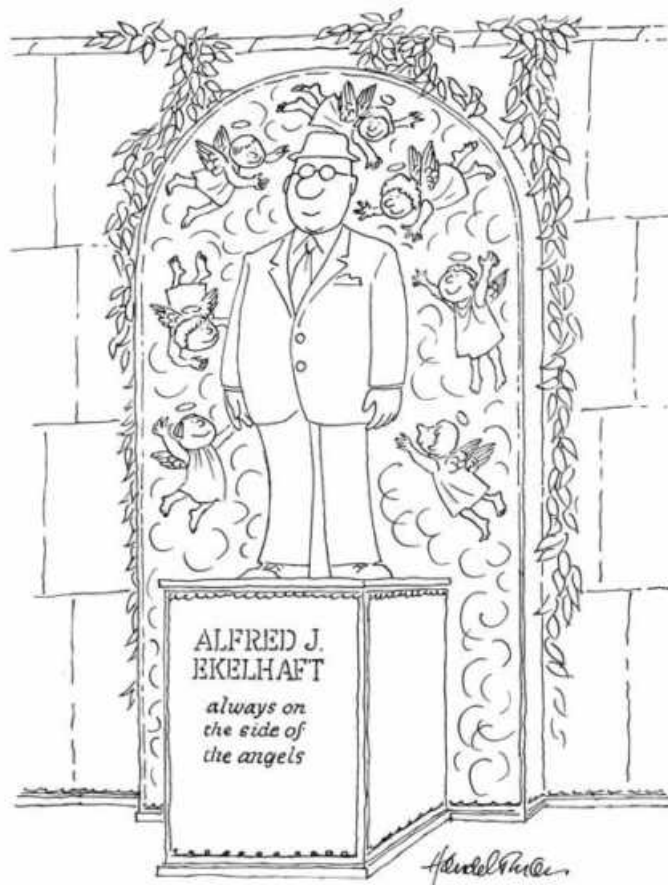




C. Barsotti

*"I know it sounds exciting, but you're not
a wildebeest, and that's that."*







"I'll keep the crown, thanks."



"Lots of people complain about the weather, but Bul is the only one I know who does anything about it."



"Don't worry. He doesn't bite."



"He's out conducting spring maneuvers."



“While Rome burns!”



Separated at birth, the Mallifert twins meet accidentally.







"It's such a nice day I thought I'd eat outside."



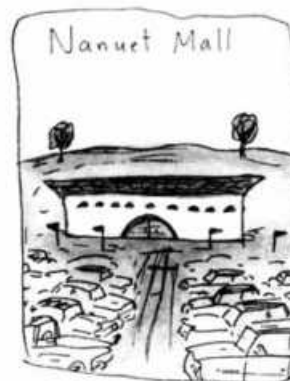
"I want more than a slogan—I want an aphorism!"



“Bill, meet Tom. Tom and I used to be in collusion with each other, but now we’re just good friends.”

1981

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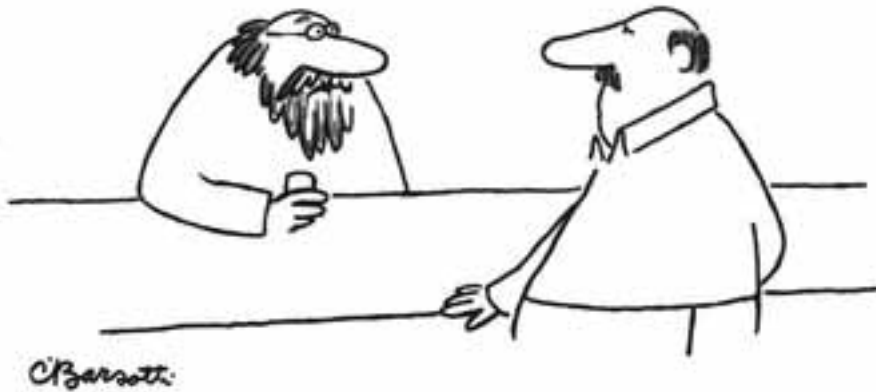


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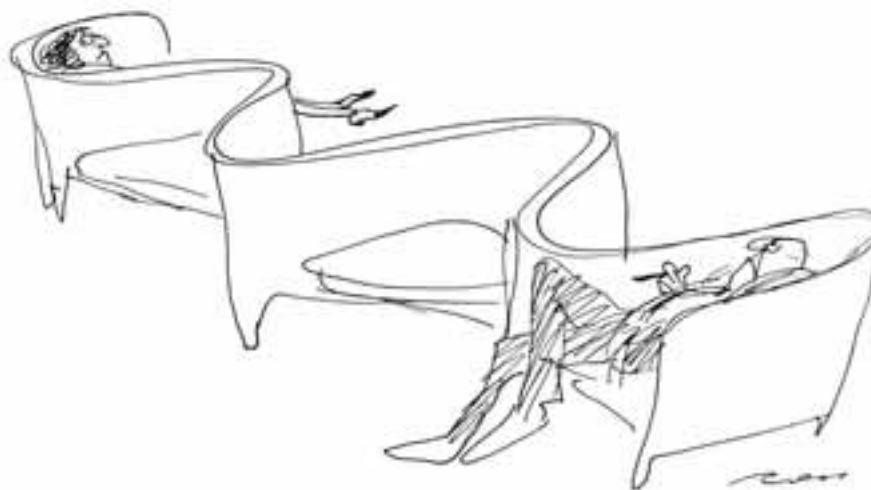




“Oh, those duo pianists are at it again.”



"It's the curse of the artist, Louie. I see too much."





"How are we ever supposed to remember all this news?"

1981



"I have a question, and a follow-up question."



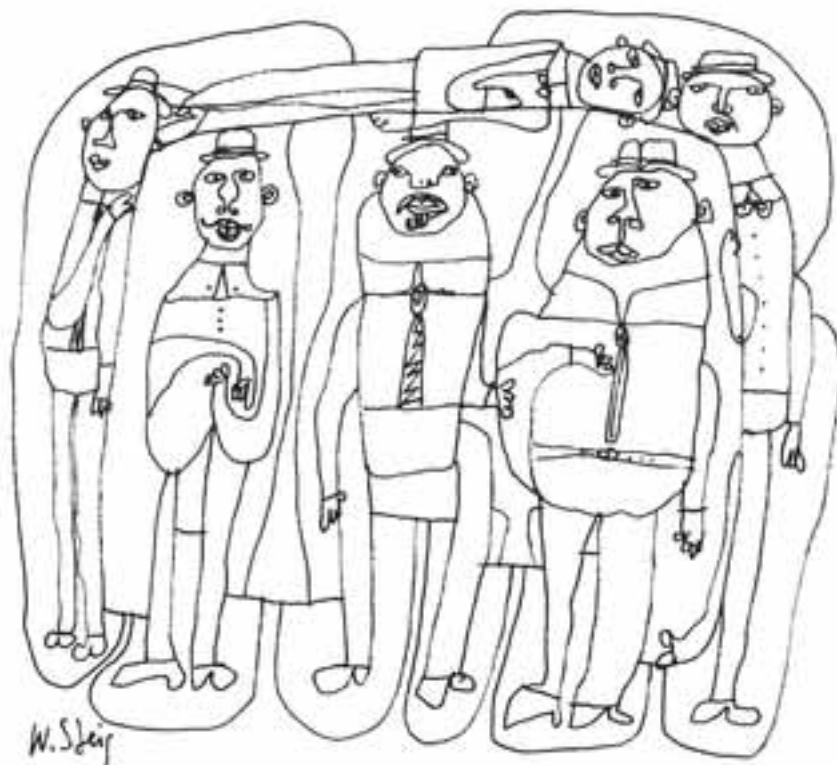


"The difference is, in first class they lavish you with affection."

1981



"Sorry, but all my power's been turned back to the states."



Waiting for the Rain to Stop



"We never laugh together anymore."

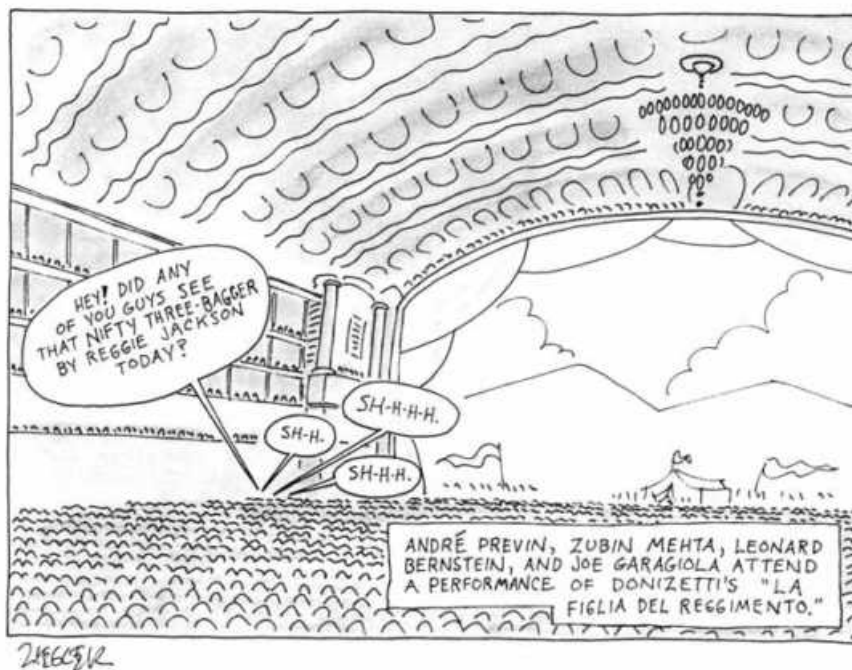


"Finally, Howard said I had to choose between him and ceramics."





“And then I say to myself, ‘If I really wanted to talk to her, why do I keep forgetting to dial 1 first?’”





“... and if ‘60 Minutes’ calls back, tell them to forget it.”

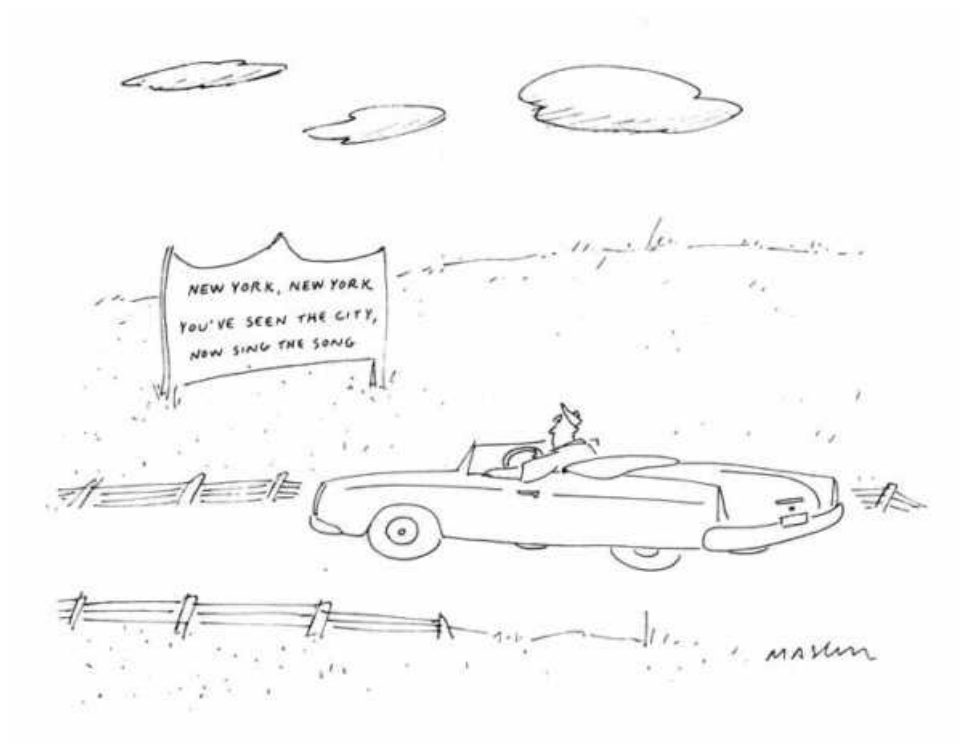


"It's gizzards and grits—a bit of Americana."



“Dear Postmaster: I am writing to apologize for a gross inadvertence on my part. Earlier today, I wrote several letters and, on my way to shop, by mistake I dropped the ‘Local’ letters in the ‘Out of Town’ box and the ‘Out of Town’ letters in the ‘Local’ box. Such carelessness, I realize, causes inconvenience, confusion, and disruption of the United States Postal Service . . .”

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PACKAGE DEALS

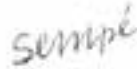




*“Strange, isn’t it? She’s come and gone and I never was
sure how she spelled ‘Rosalynn.’”*

1981





"If I had it to do all over again, I wouldn't change a thing."







*“Mr. Hodgkins won’t be in today. A bale
of peat moss fell on him.”*

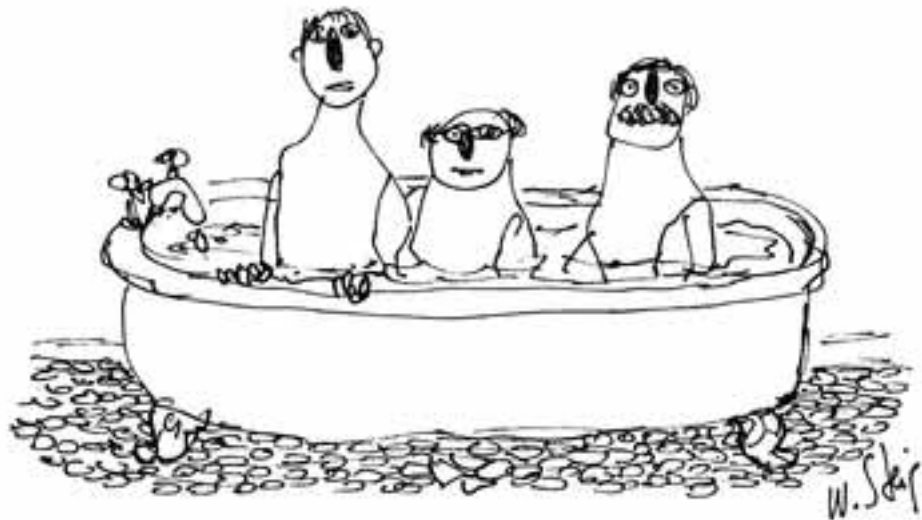


"We of the Old Right can lick hell out of the New Right."

1981



“What do you say we throw in the towel and say good night?”



Three Men in a Tub





"Oh, my God—'The Best of Carson'! Honey, I'm excited!"

NEW MOVIE GENRES

Sci-Fi/Western



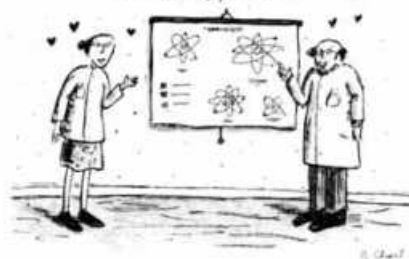
Musical/Self-Help



Sports/Horror

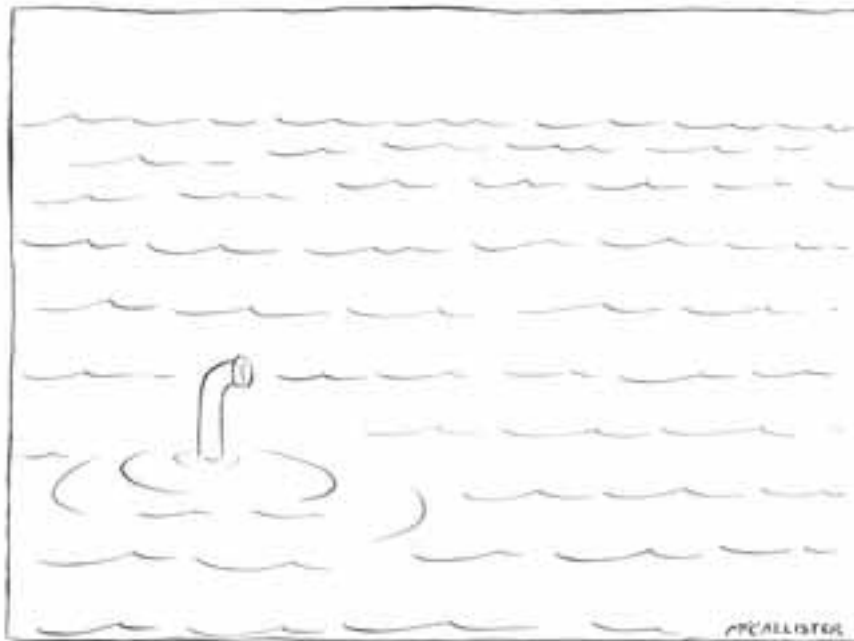


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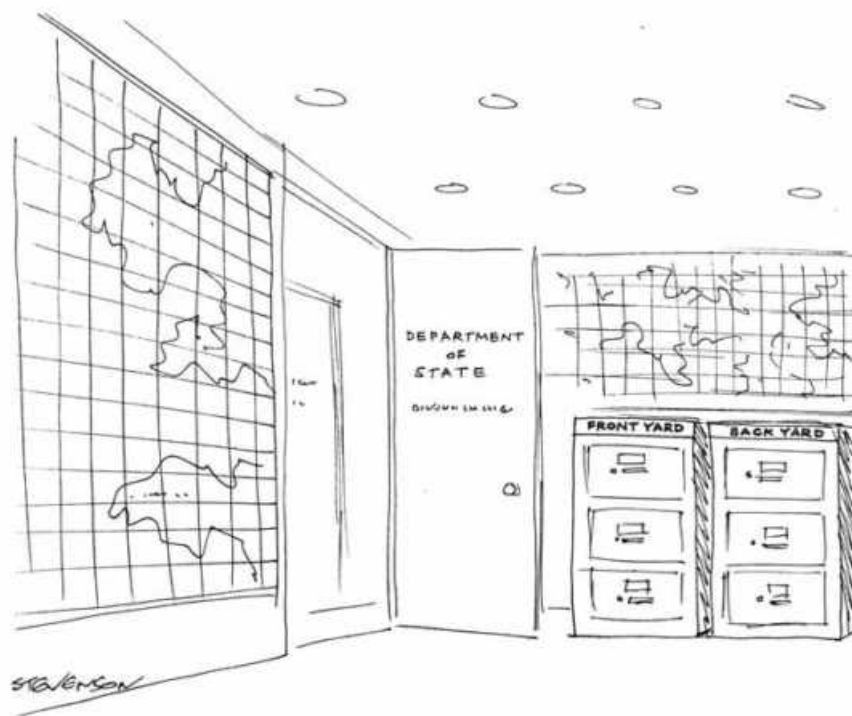




"I'll have the business woman's lunch."



"It's the 'Love Boat,' sir. Shall we let her have it?"





"Most of you are aware that colleges today are in deep trouble."



"I think we're all set. That's two liberals, two conservatives, two Communists, two Fascists, two Socialists, two capitalists, two neo-Fascists, two pseudo-liberals, two apoliticals, two anarchists . . ."

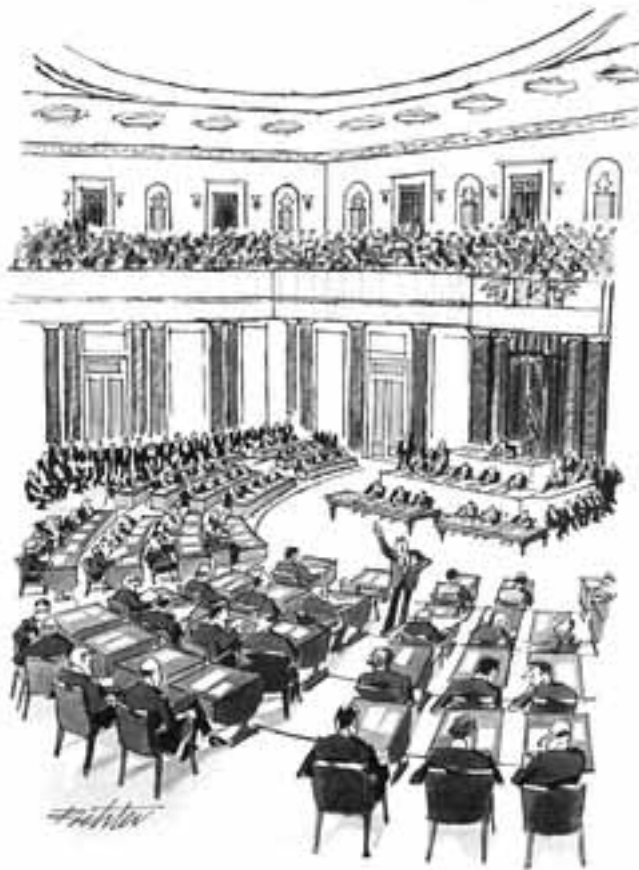


“Rossiter? This is Burton. I have here a handwritten communication, addressed to me and signed by you, outlining a proposed course of action. Are you trying to send me a message?”



DECISIVE MOMENTS IN ART

Monet discovers that a haystack is not at its best under artificial light. In a moment, he will take it outside again.



“And as the ant said to the grasshopper . . .”



“Well, here we go again, Dusty. The Red Sox are trailing the Yankees, the Dodgers are rolling, and the Mets are headed for the cellar.”



“Another terrific feature—it’s impregnable.”



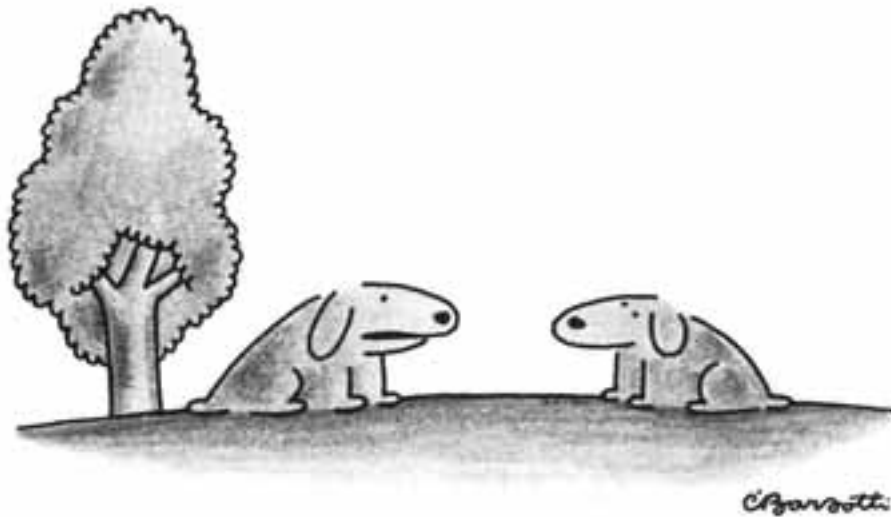
"Hey, you. Let's toast someone."



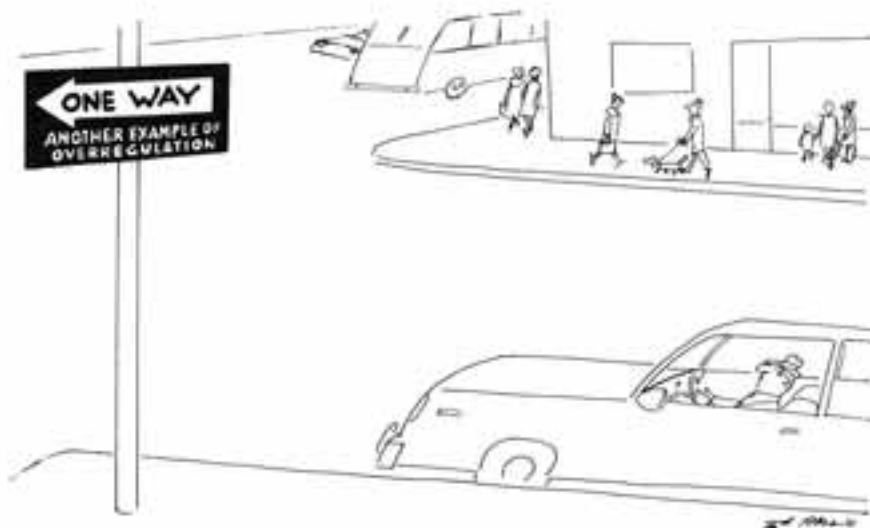


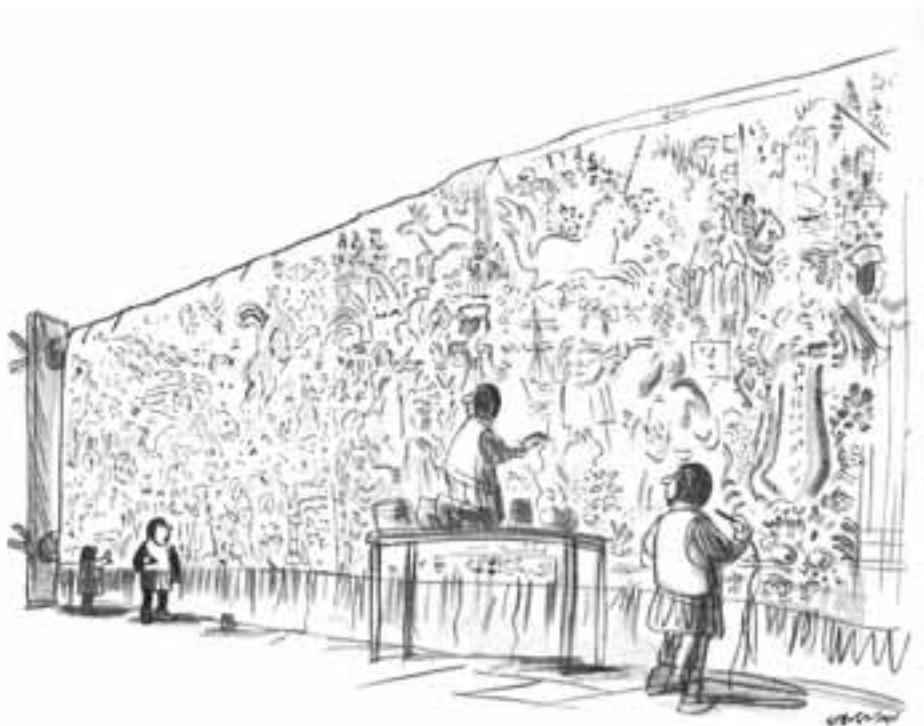
“Poor fellow. His company relocated, but somehow they never told him where.”





"All the interesting traits have been bred out of me."





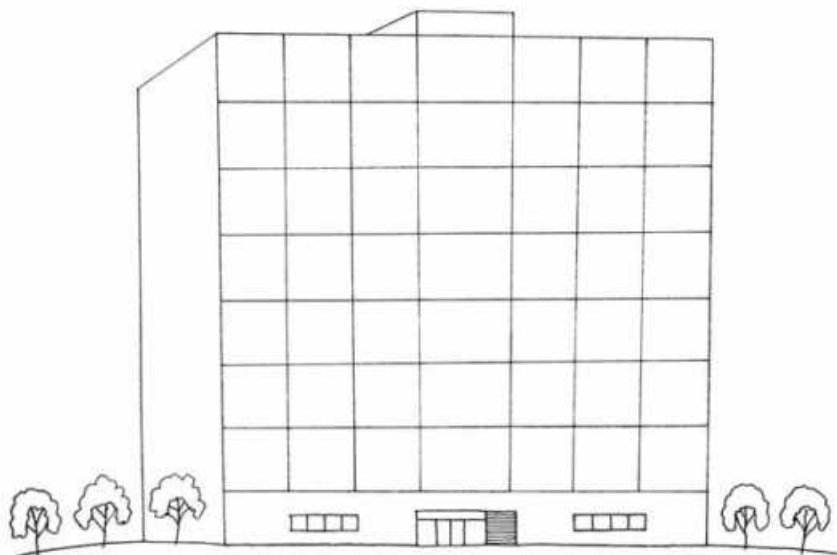
"I've lost track of the story."



*“My car may be old and faded and tired, but
it’s got fins. I like fins.”*

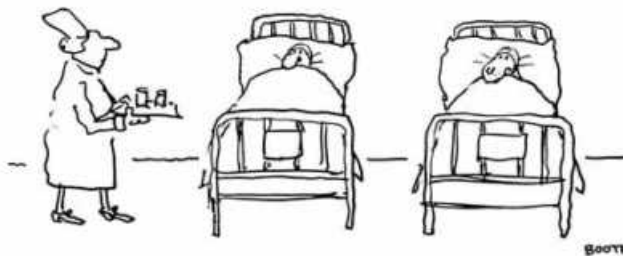
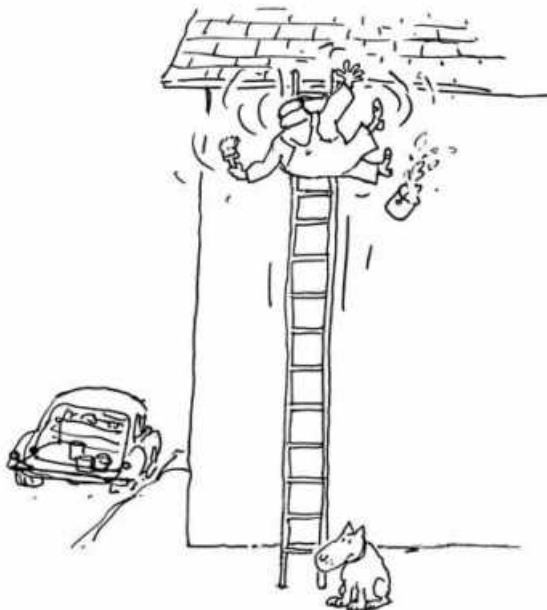


"More coffee, honey?"



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Public Denunciation



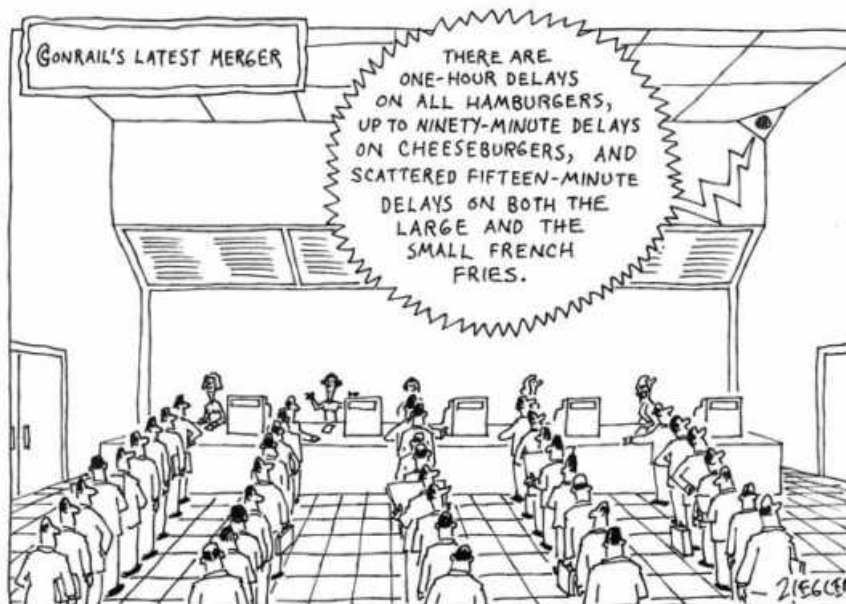
"Of course, honesty is one of the better policies."

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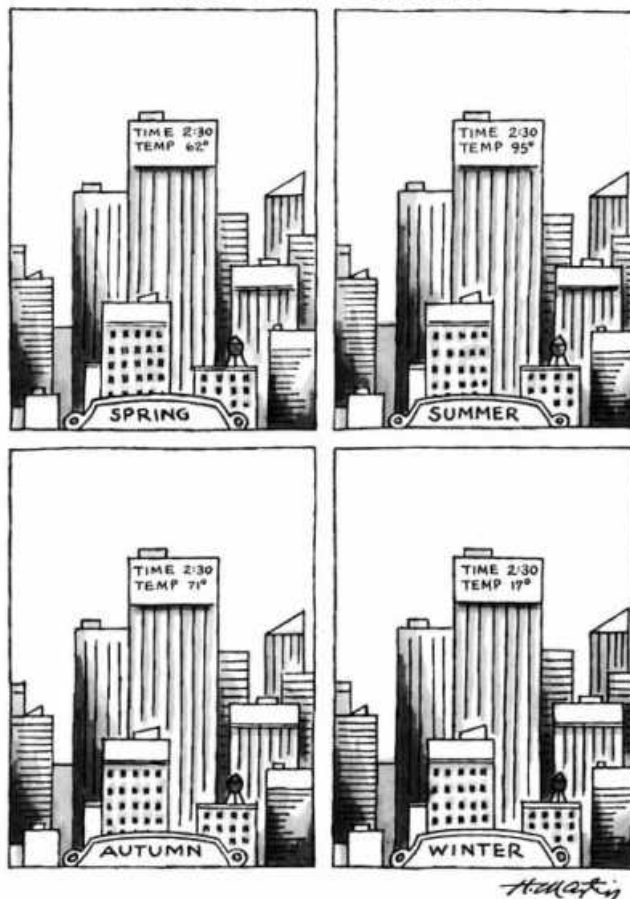


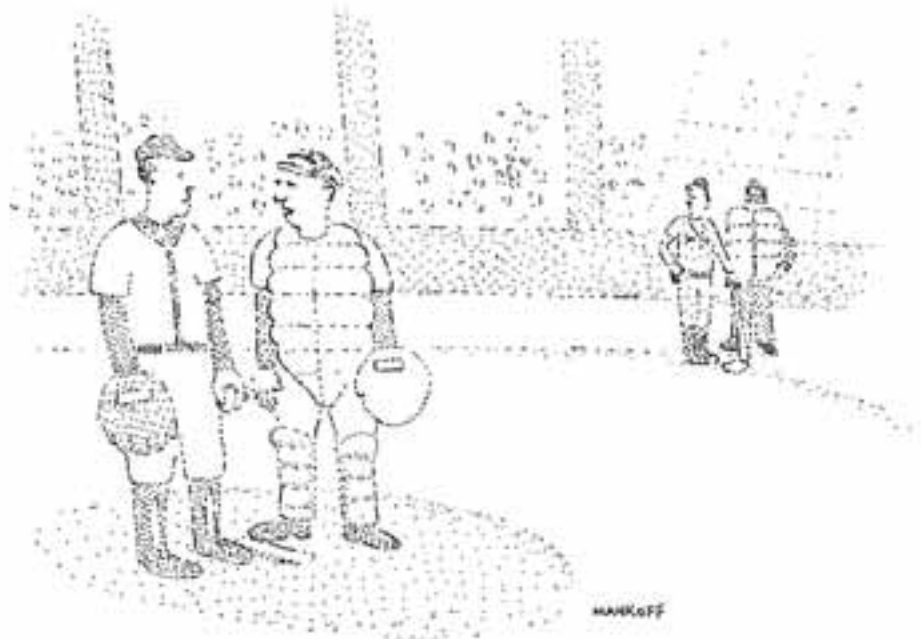


"Off with my head!"



THE FOUR SEASONS





“Stick with your breaking stuff. Your fastball’s lost its credibility.”



"She's right on target about business but she knows nothing about love."





"Harcourt, here, has a black belt in budget management."



"I'm peddling influence. Would you be interested?"



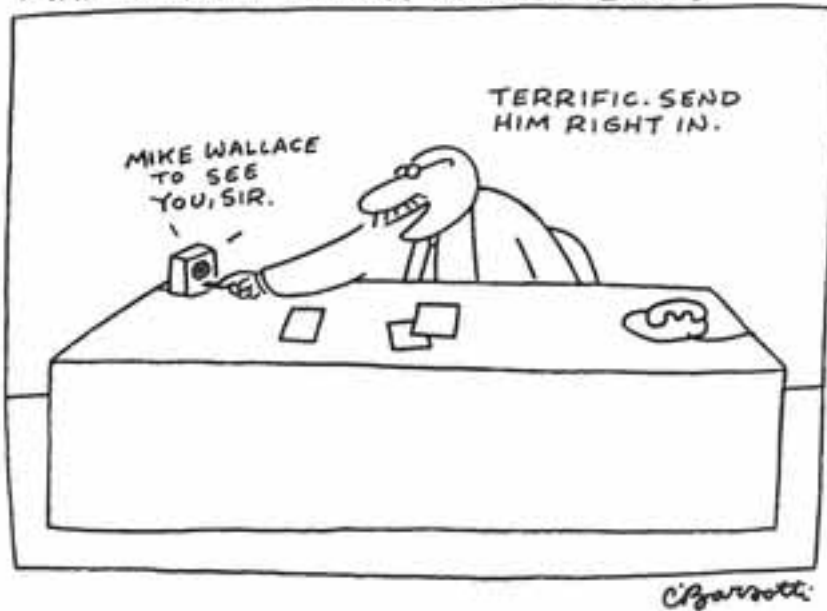




*"I may not be the flower child I was in '65,
but I'm not Genghis Khan, either."*



MAN WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE





"You will find that our colleague to my left is no receiver of idées reçues."



“Things just never worked out for us. When you were under shallow cover, I was under deep cover. When I was under shallow cover, you were under deep cover.”



"Remember, war is hell!"



"I have a nice smile. But I don't use it much anymore."



"My grandson, needless to say, is also pro-Reagan."



"It's accountability you want, and I can give it to you."





"Just because I say you're hypersensitive doesn't mean I'm right."



“Bad news, Sire. The ‘Dump Louis’ movement is gaining momentum.”



"Oh, you want Mr. Big. This is Mr. Pig."



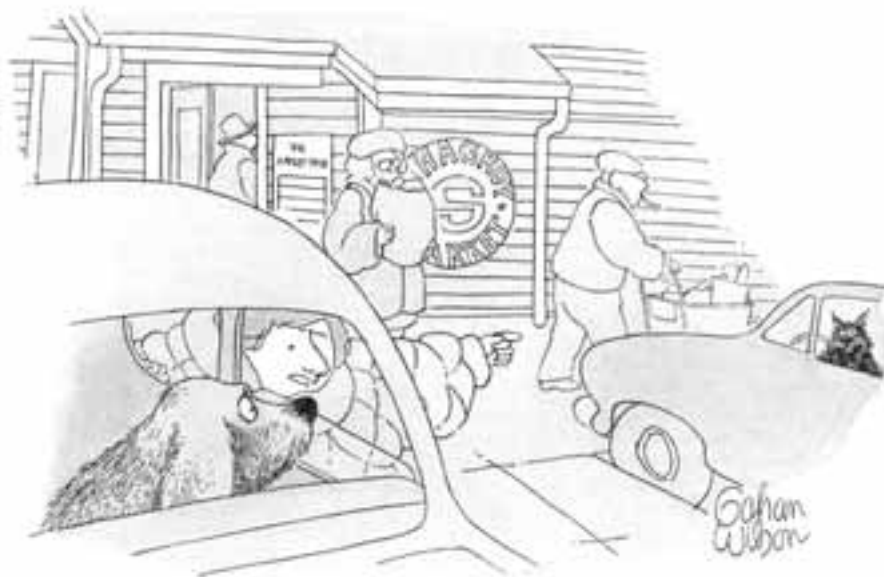


The Sprats





"I'm hoping to find something in a meaningful, humanist, outreach kind of bag, with flexible hours, non-sexist bosses, and fabulous fringes."



"See? It's not as if you were the only one."



“Ordinarily, I lean toward a land-based-MX system. But when I have a few drinks I lean toward those little submarines.”



“He parlayed that frank, open countenance into a place of honor at the public trough.”



*“You may be in a holding pattern, Comstock, but it doesn’t
look like such a bad holding pattern.”*

THE AGONY OF THE SELF-EMPLOYED

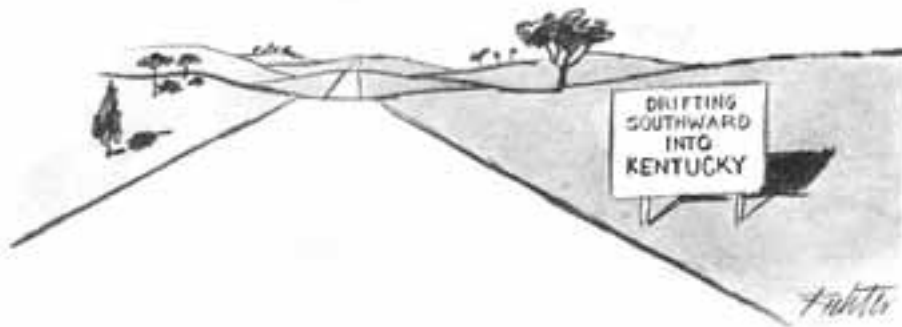


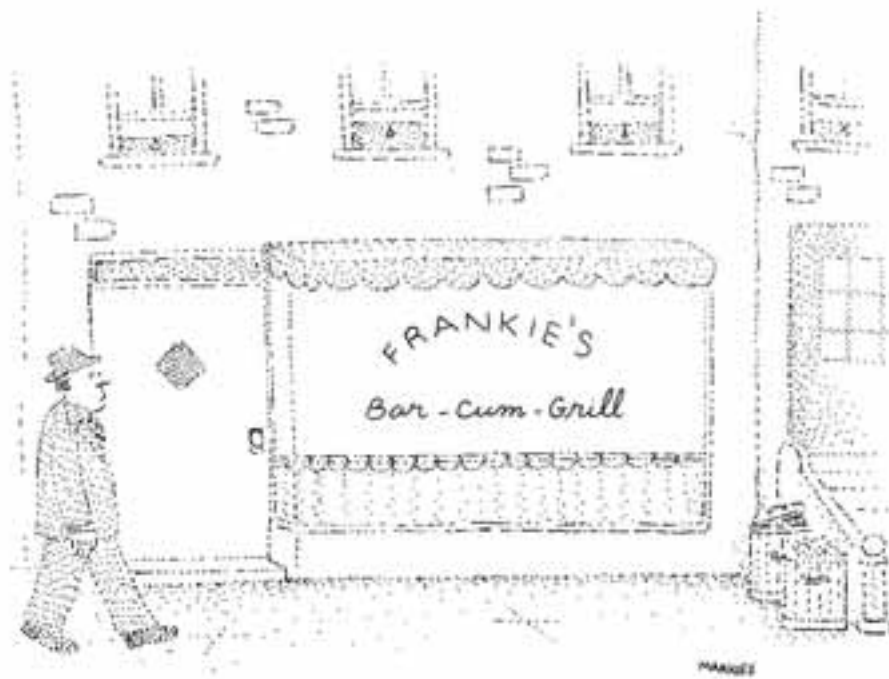


"Help! Help! There's a big bird after me."



"So long, George—and don't forget. Buy Nox-O."







*"Well, I have to go now. I'll leave your radio on. What do you like?
Rock? Country and Western? Classical? Jazz? Or Easy Listening?"*



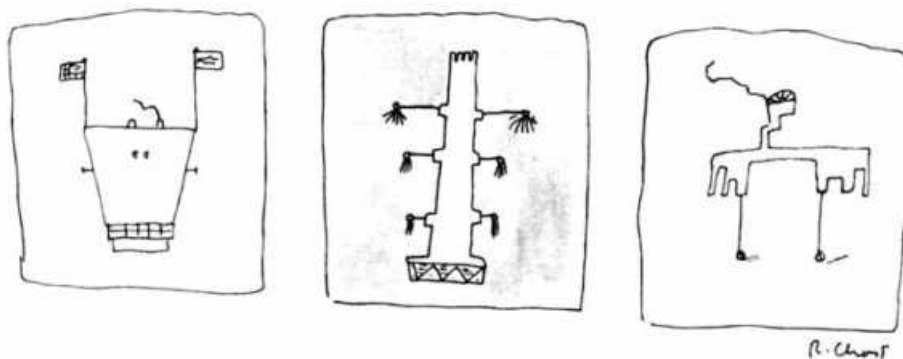
“Yes, we owe everything to the fact that Winston was never a good sport.”





"I'll kiss, but I won't make up."

THINGS THAT GO
NG LEEEEKH
IN THE NIGHT







"Hello, Miss Bloomfield? Mrs. Kennecott here. Just as Mr. Kennecott was leaving for the office, they started doing 'Peter and the Wolf' on the radio, so I'm afraid he'll be a little late this morning."



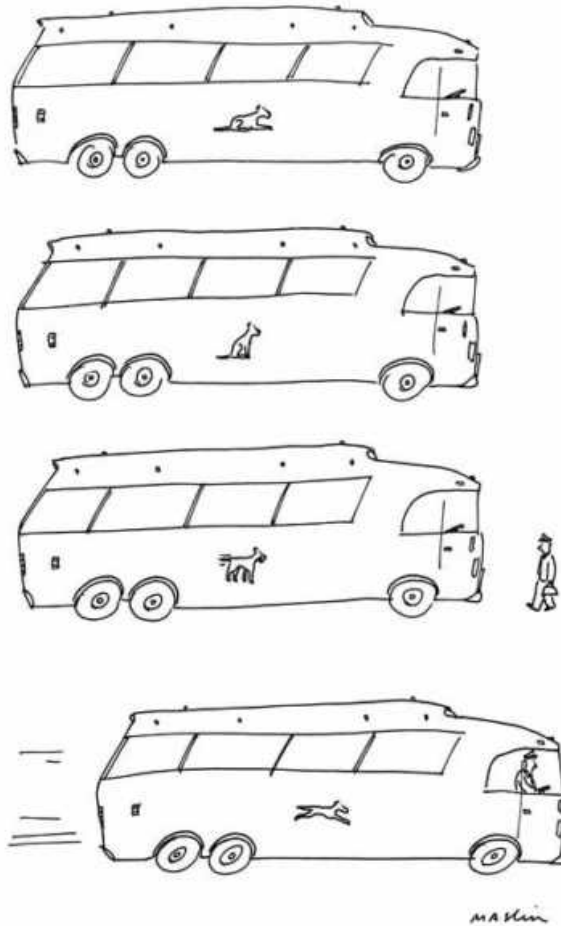
*"It didn't work out. He liked Northern Italian cooking
and I liked Southern Italian cooking."*



"Sorry, but we already signed a petition about James Watt."



*“That’s my mom and dad. They’ve just returned
to traditional family values.”*



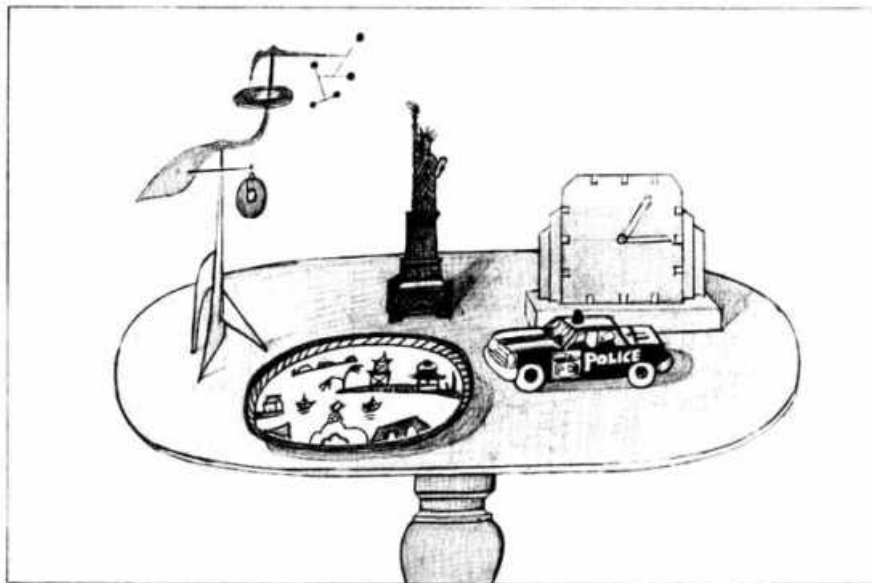
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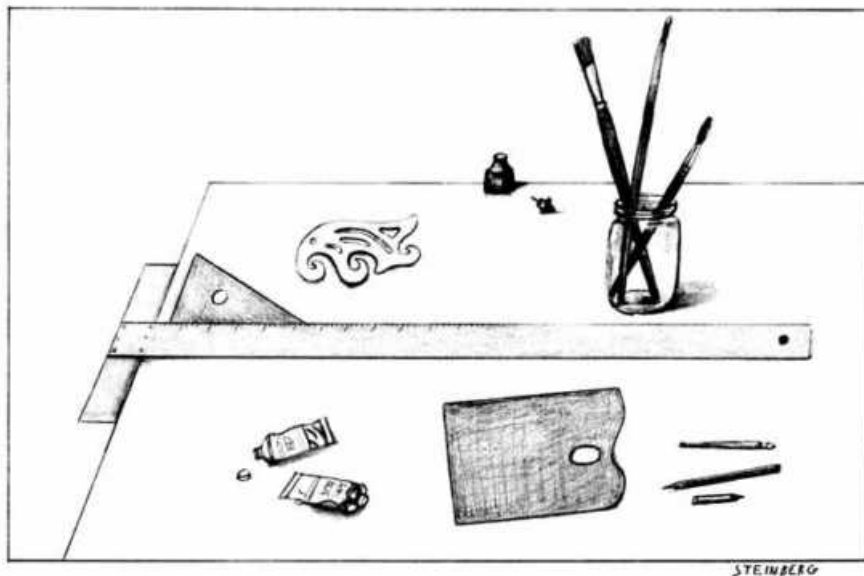
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Four Friends and a Guardian Spirit



*"Your Honor, in the Case of the Moaning Candlestick we find
the defendant, Truslow Bolinger, guilty as charged."*





"Uncle Whit was country when country wasn't cool."



“... and give me good abstract-reasoning ability, interpersonal skills, cultural perspective, linguistic comprehension, and a high sociodynamic potential.”



*“Good evening! I’m Grandpa Clark, in a daring new format—
with Grandma Williams in Washington, D.C., Grandpa Higgins
in London, Grandma Watson in Detroit . . .”*



“Don’t you know some place with a mechanical bull?”

1981



*"It's a great idea of yours, Admiral—depending, of course,
on whether we're leashed or unleashed."*



"It's a novel about interest rates."







“He goes regularly to that lovely little library in town.”



"They're a group of five, known as the Group of Five."



"Milton is just an old softie."



Question 3: Lenin and his wife-to-be, Nadezhda Krupskaya, met at a Marxist pancake supper in St. Petersburg in 1894. They were later married in Siberia when she went to join him there in exile. Give the ingredients of those illustrious pancakes.



1981

A VETERAN OF MANY CAMPAIGNS



P. Steiner







"That was a nasty fall, Madam. Although a bad back prevents me from helping you up, I want you to know I care."



"Without vitamins, I'd probably still be drifting along with Don."



*“Here’s to the greatest goddam foundation in the history of foundations—
the MacArthur Foundation, or whatever the hell it’s called!”*



“Ernie, Bernard, and Lou Ella Grosbeck are here with Professor Hankins and some horticulture people. Professor Hankins and the horticulture people have never seen a night-blooming jasmine.”



"Could we have a soupçon of Debussy?"



“Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and to invest your tax cut?”



"Aloha! Aloha from the bottom of my heart."





"As far as I can tell, his name is Raswell, and he's in here on some kind of exchange program."





Playland

1981



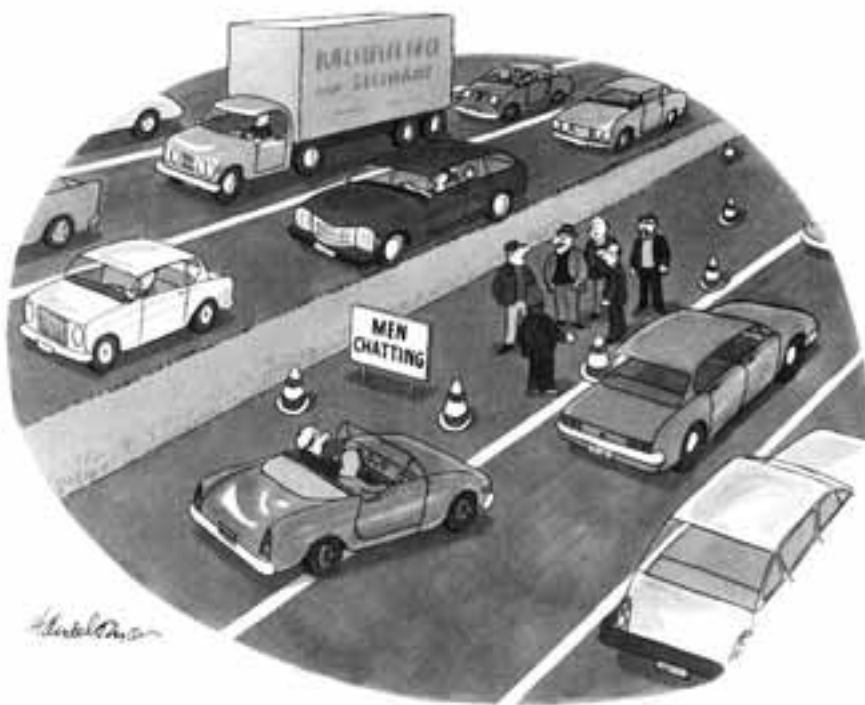
“It’s a little bit cramped, but you can’t beat it for security.”



“I didn’t come to argue, sweetheart, but I must beg to differ.”

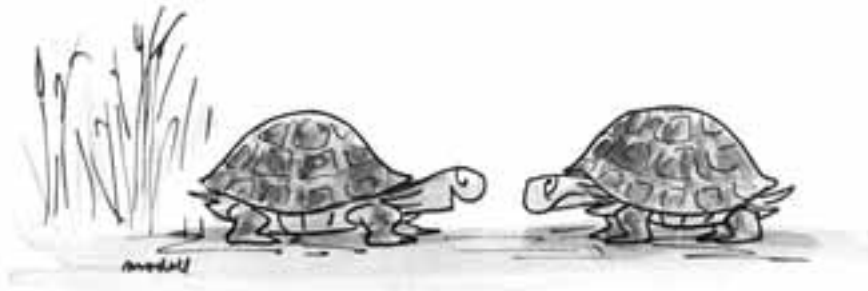


"Tofu in yet another guise?"





"For heaven's sake, Sheldon, put on your glasses."



*“Another good thing about being a turtle—
we have wind resistance just about licked.”*



*“Oh, for God’s sake, Cogshill must have
had himself a three-Martini lunch.”*



“What do you think accounts for the holiday atmosphere?”

THURSDAY, 1 A.M.



R. Chast

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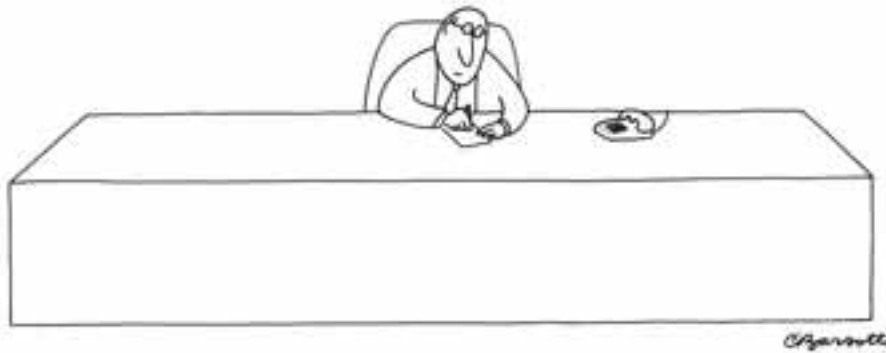


“One thing we’ve got down here is plenty of team spirit.”



1981

FROM THE VERY BIG DESK OF:





*“Can you tell me why tourists are attracted here?
Or do we have the wrong place?”*



*"Judy Garland sang it better than I could ever say it, gentlemen.
'Somewhere over the rainbow.' Let's listen."*



*"Mrs. Norris? There's a person who says he's here
to be your apartment-sitter."*



*"I shall miss him. His name rolled so trippingly off
the tongue—Valéry Giscard d'Estaing."*

COINCIDENCE OR WHAT?



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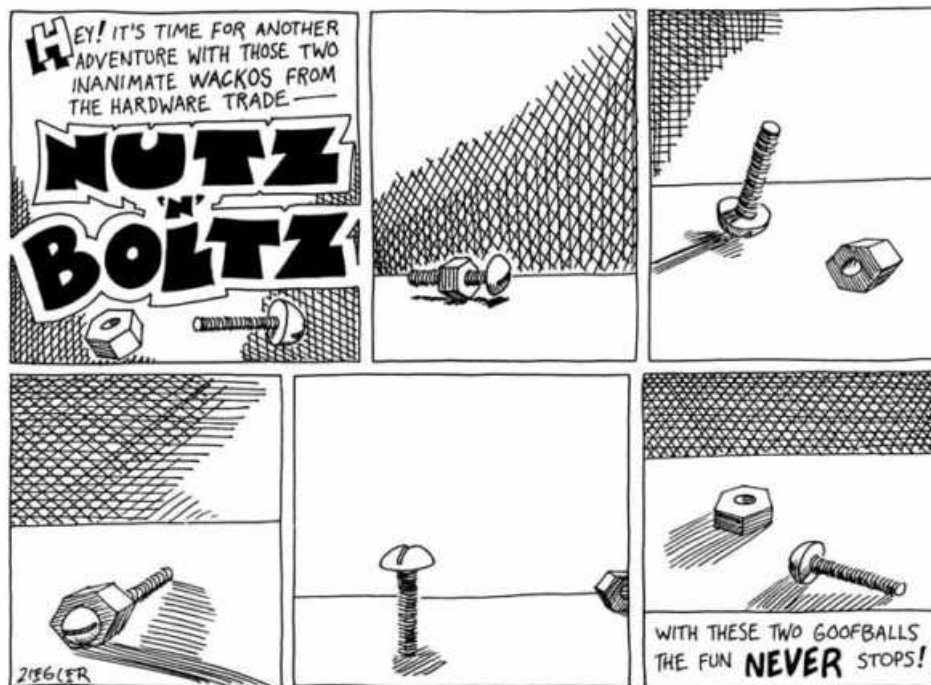


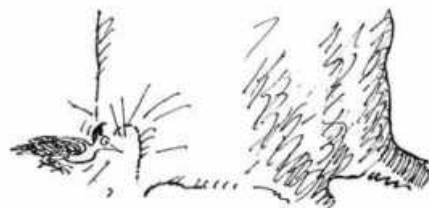
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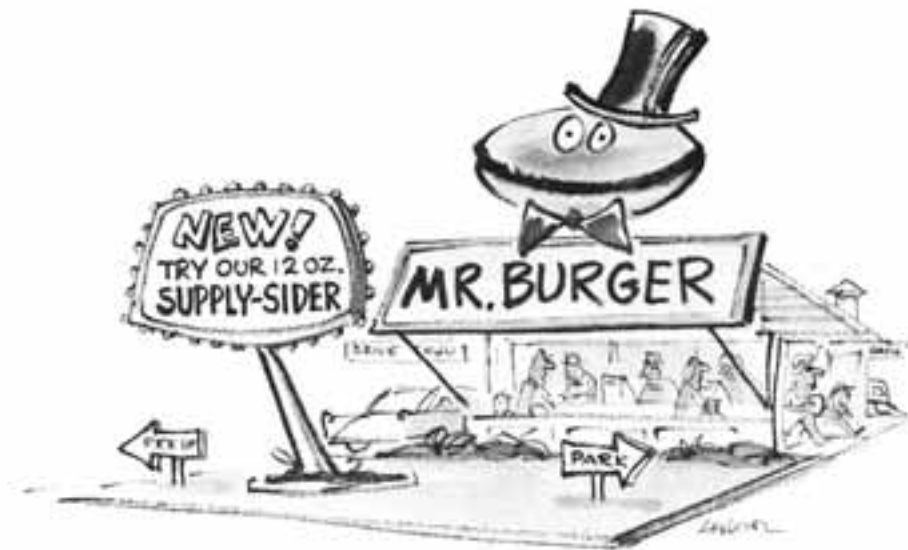
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"Sung? Ming? Ch'ing? What the hell dynasty is this?"









*"John, I'd like you to meet one of the people
who make the future happen."*



Grandpa Tuning Up





"No, Ethel, I do not wonder who the real Elwood Heathcliff is. I am the real Elwood Heathcliff."





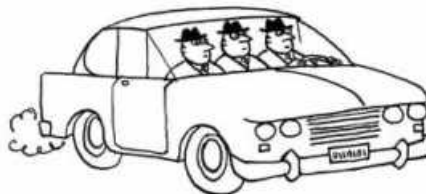
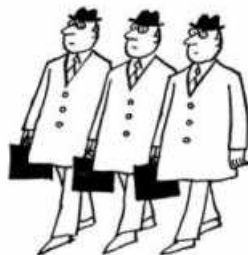
THE IMPROVISATIONAL NEWS TEAM



"How old is your cabbage?"



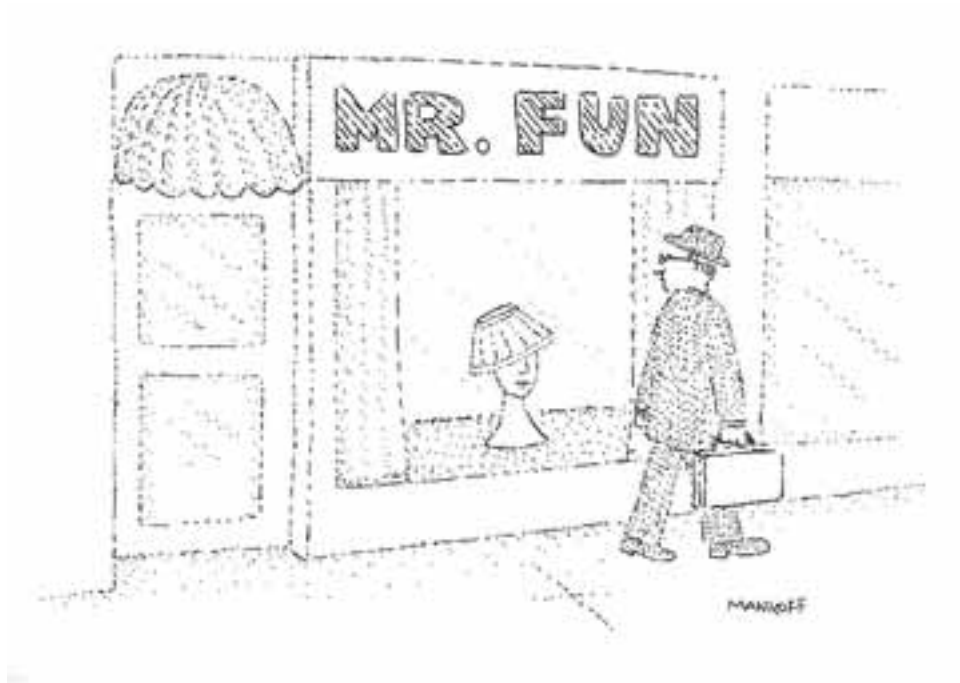
"Jerry's lost the will to barbecue."





“One day, I decided to hell with it—across the board.”

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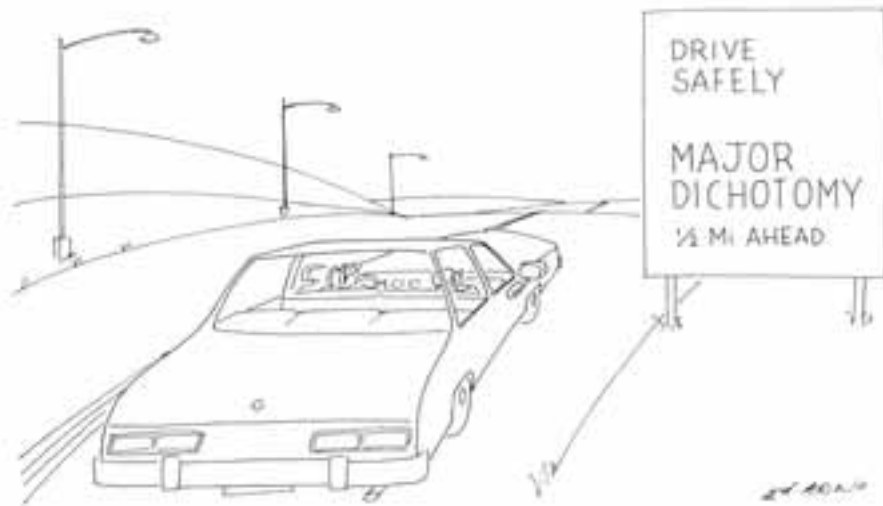


“Apparently, they’ve already seen it, so I guess we must have.”



“Fellow Reaganites, Reaganians, Reaganizers, Reaganists, Reaganologists, Reaganicians, Reaganettes, Reaganolians, Reaganuiks, Reaganiks, Reanauts, Reaganheads, Reaganophiles, and Reagan-o-Rooters . . .”

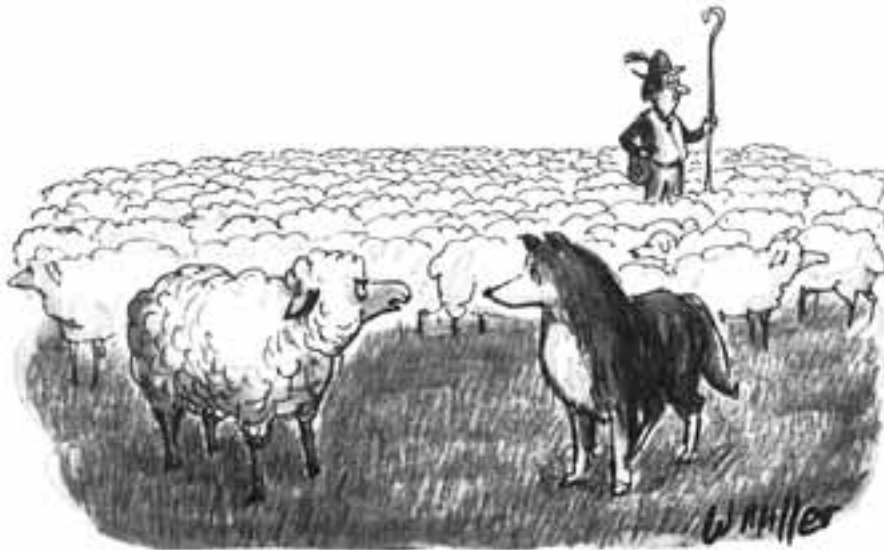




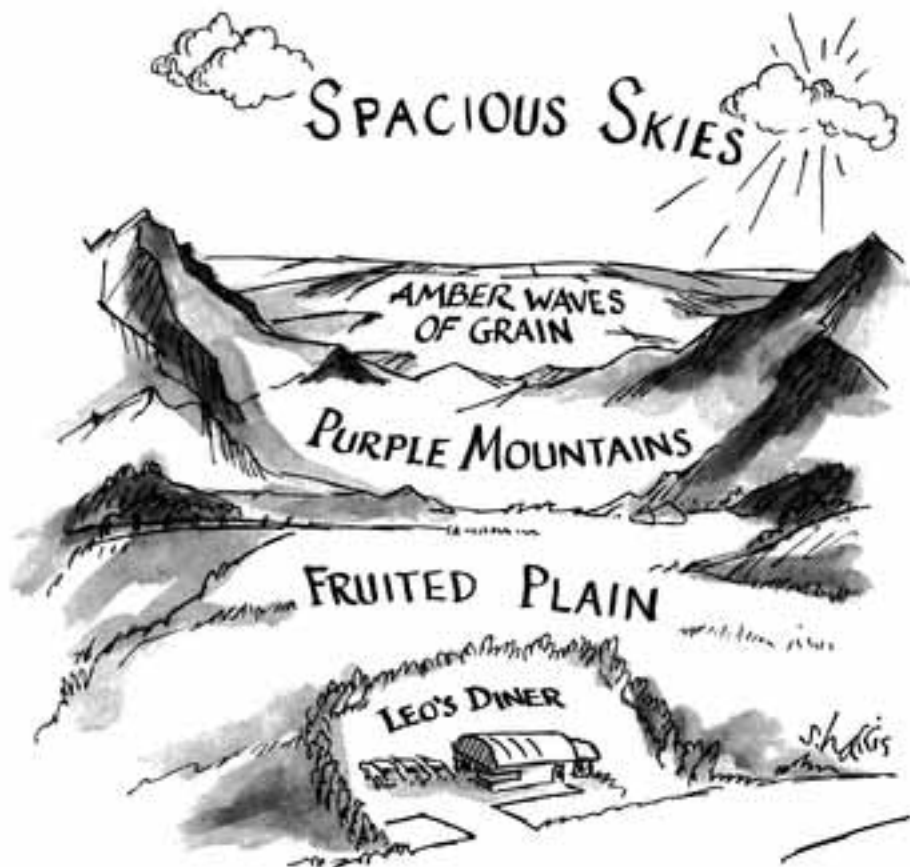




*“Depends on which workshop you folks are headed for—Whither Fiction?,
Nonfiction for Cash, or The Writer in Torment.”*



"As one four-legger to another four-legger, what do you think of old Two Legs over there?"





"The law, right?"



"You can speak freely here, Jamison. We're all secular humanists."



“That’s the price we pay, sir, for living in a free society.”





Kabuki Drama



"Miss Egan, bring me everything we have on cats."



*"This is the hour I love the best—when the dusk deepens
and the lights come twinkling on."*



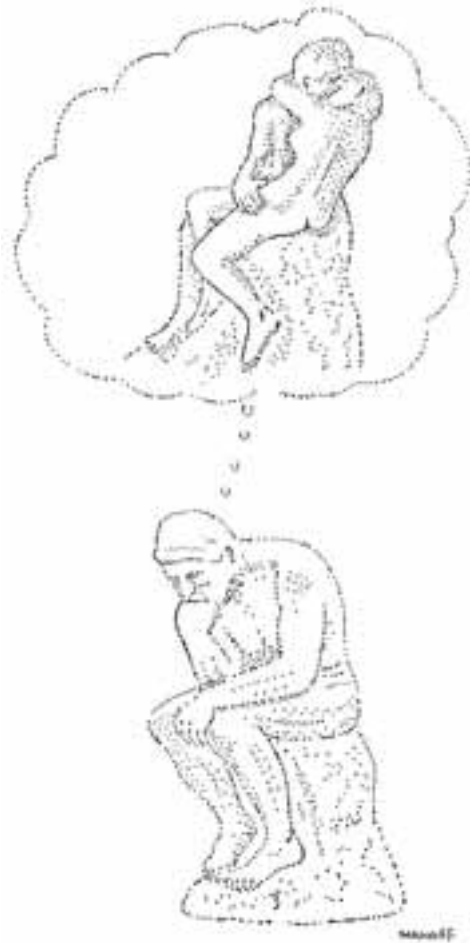
*“Miss Wynn, I’ll be in R.B.’s office, where the
grapes of wrath are stored.”*



*"My silence connotes neither shyness, snobbishness, nor deep thought.
For the moment, I simply have nothing to say."*



"And now here's Ed with news from the animal kingdom."

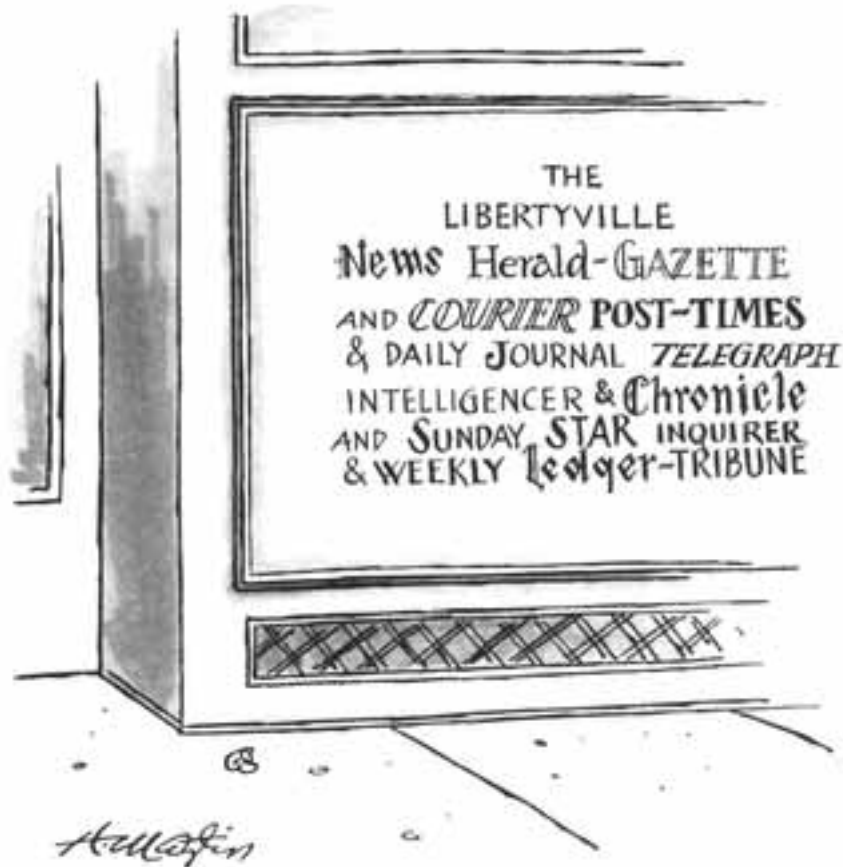


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*"Everything's just fine. The garden is coming in beautifully,
and Jeremy is in his usual rage."*







“Well, now, how’s the old noggin today?”



*"That's wonderful, Curtis. I, too, think a hot, balanced breakfast
is the best preparation for the day ahead."*



"Today I became corrupted absolutely."



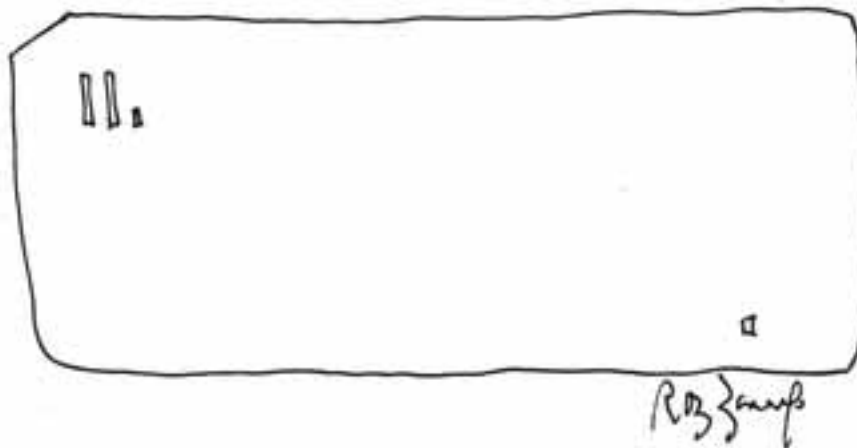
“General Haig seems very happy in his job.”



*“Gee, Jack, I just can’t get over all
the similarities in our lives.”*



DETAIL OF A SOUND ECONOMIC
PROGRAM FOR THE EIGHTIES





*"Miss Rountree, get my congressman on the phone.
I'm sick and tired of waiting for my tax cut."*



“True, you were only mildly wicked. But, like everyone else, we’ve lowered our standards.”





*“Why, no! Why should I feel small? I’ve just been put
in charge of the whole Eastern region.”*



"Damn it, I love you, don't you understand? How can you just sit there and read when you know how much I love you and want to go for a walk?"



“Let’s roll up our sleeves and get to it, gentlemen—we have to spend billions and billions and billions!”



A Drop of Pond Water



*"Lambert, we don't celebrate the fiscal new year
here at Polk, Hendershott & Samuels."*



“Don’t be silly. If you were afflicted with a multiple personality, I’d have noticed something.”





*"Adrian is the Jesse Helms of the Redridge Planning
and Zoning Commission."*





"You'll be back."

1981



“My dog’s name is Kierkegaard, my cat is named Virginia Woolf, I call my car Amadeus, and my boyfriend’s name is Freddy.”

1981



“That was a Nantucket summer I’ll never forget. Everybody kept serving nothing but quiche Lorraine and spinach salad.”

WRITING THE COMPANY SONG





"And now I'd like to call your attention to my husband."



"Twenty-three inches, measured diagonally."

1981







*"That was fast food, all right, but I know
a spot that has even faster food."*



Tiger Hunt by Moonlight



“... or, to put it another way: Give me some men who are stout-hearted men who will fight for the right they adore.”



“What the hell! Let’s lay another grant on Channel 13.”



“I understand they like to do things together as women, not as a substitute for or in imitation of what men are doing.”



"Soon you will be immersed in water. You will float."



"I hope you don't mind a mixed bag."





*“There is a time to fish and there is a time to
dry nets. I am drying nets.”*



"The public sector be damned!"



“Look who’s up for the weekend again.”



"Hot enough for you, Mr. Cadwalader?"





"Before obedience school, he was impossible."



*“Right about now there’ll be the pleasant jangling of
the coffee cart coming down the corridor.”*



*"I'm home again. Proving once more that Thomas Wolfe
was full of baloney."*

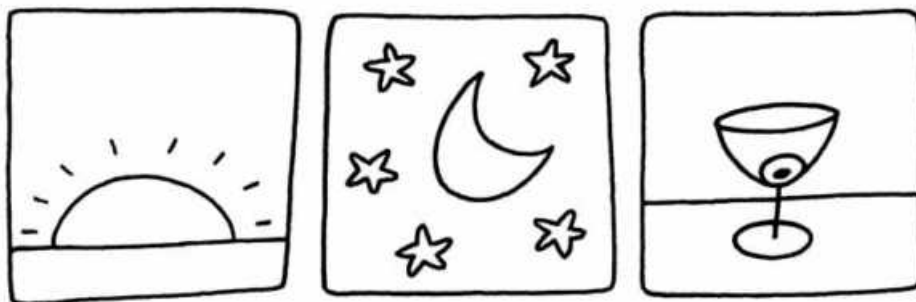


*"I always say if you see what you want, grab it.
And if I ever do, I will."*

NEVER THE EXPERIMENT
ALWAYS THE CONTROL



COMING SOON



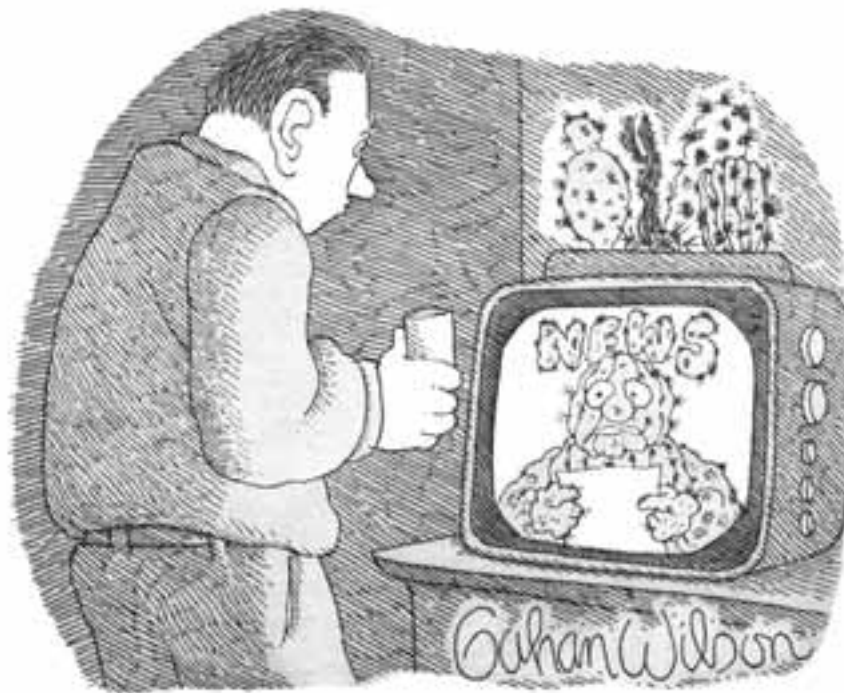
Charles Barsotti



*"We can learn things from the fish. For instance,
he leads a very simple life."*



"So it's nine great big votes yes and one teeny-weeny little vote no."





"I'm sorry, sir, that one's not for sale."



*“Good morning, my dear. Could that look mean
I’m not on your hit list?”*





*"Have you ever noticed that everything
in this household is 'extra-strength'?"*

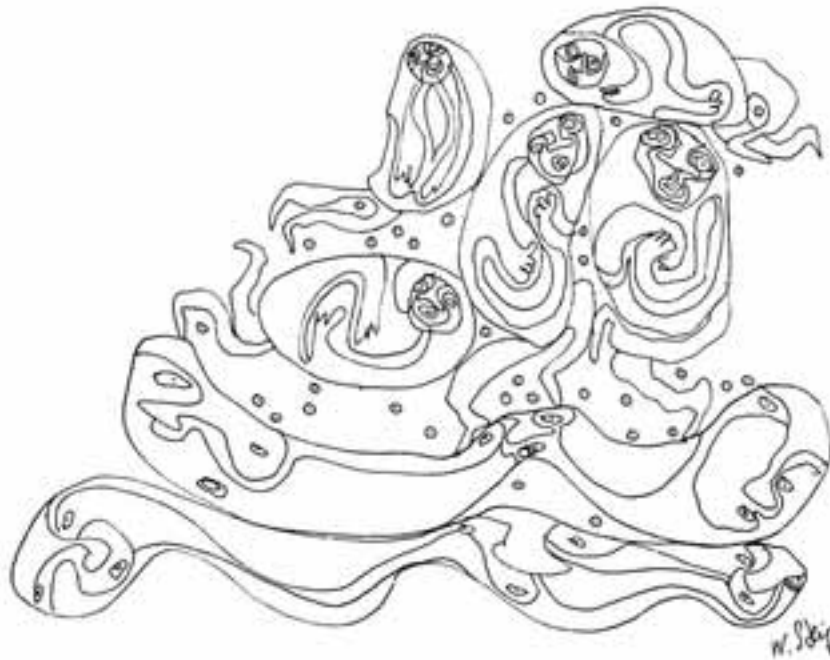


“The press has been lukewarm toward the paintings, but my raisin-pumpernickel got a nice writeup in the Living section.”



"Huey Markham and his cookie jar."

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Misery of Life



*"I think you're doing a topnotch job, Grogan.
Unfortunately, Daddy doesn't."*

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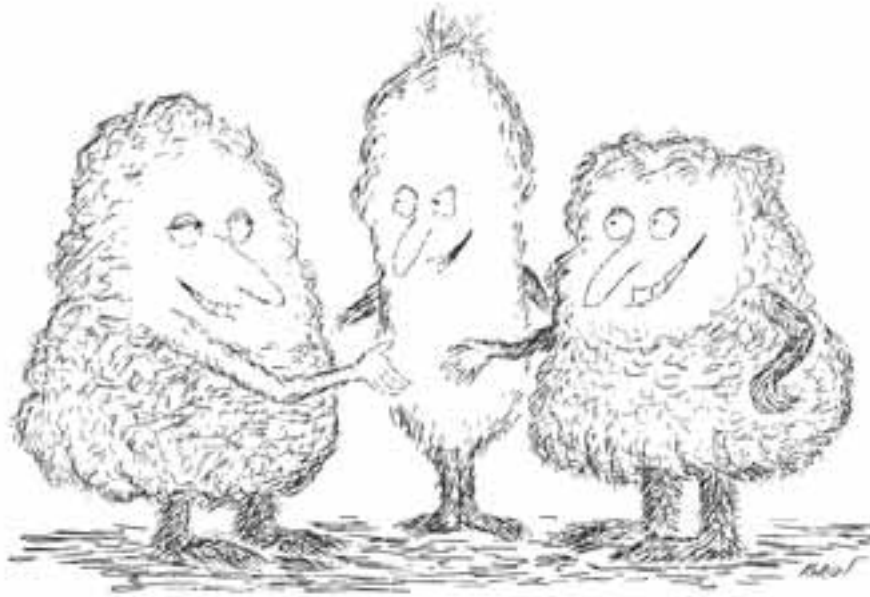
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"The great thing about this place is that it's far enough from Lenox so that we don't have to go to Tanglewood if we don't want to."



"This should be right up your alley."



*“You two should have met a long time ago—
Light n’ Lively, this is Crisp n’ Crunchy.”*



"I feel in an upbeat mood."

1981



“Don’t look now, but here comes Summer Friends, Part Two.”



“What that suit certifies, sir, is that you can afford it.”



“Gosh, how I envy you the future, son. Almost my whole life has been lived in a Keynesian context.”



"Miss Richards, send in Rex the wonder dog, please."



"I think the universe expands one day, shrinks the next, remains static for a week, and then it begins all over again."



“President Reagan and Nancy rode this trail. Pass it on.”



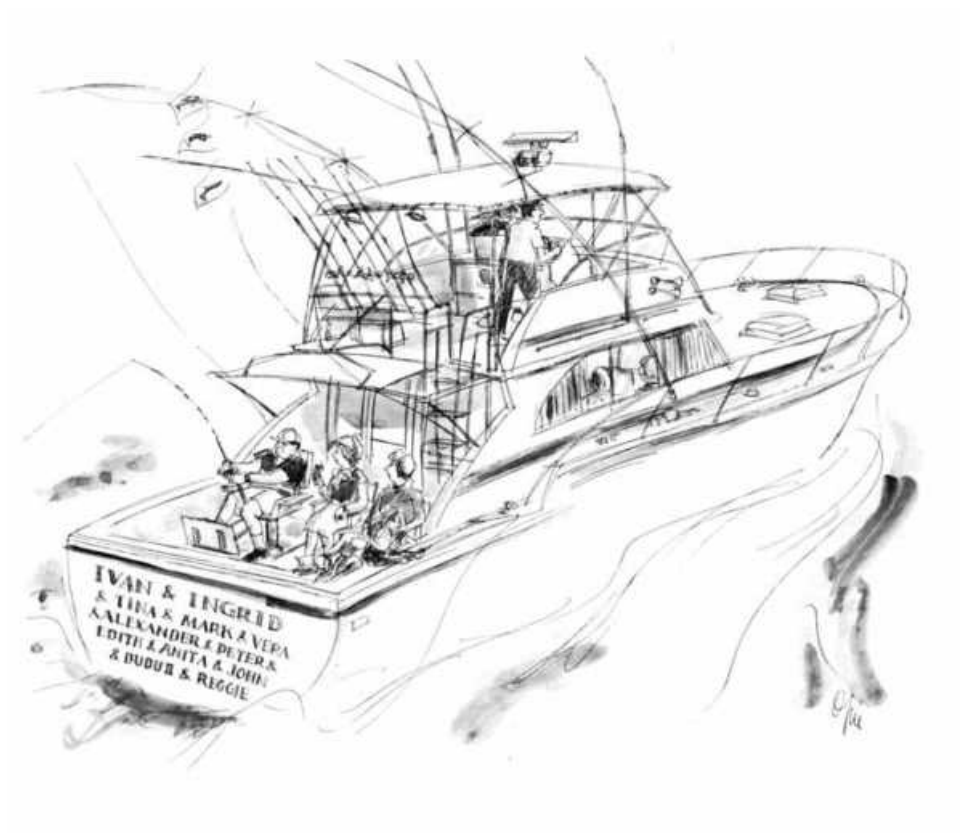
"I've been trying to buy Conoco."





"This is the Main Street Bookshop. The copy of 'Nature's Way to a Two Week Face Lift' you ordered has come in."

1981





"When it comes to people, Beveridge has perfect pitch."

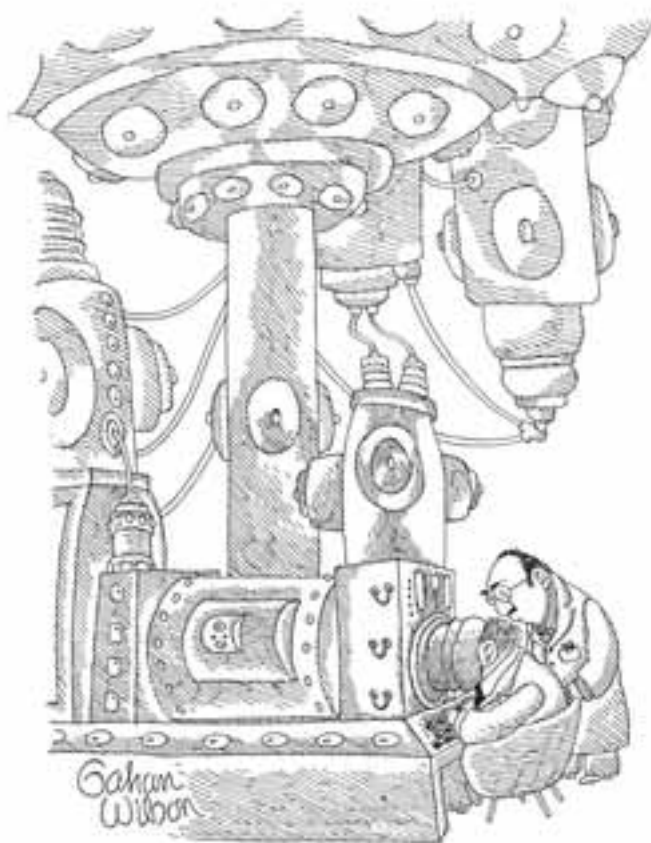


"You were disgraced as a right-deviationist wind, rehabilitated, re-disgraced, re-rehabilitated, and through it all you were always the same old you."





*“Mr. Edelman? Mr. Clavershorn and his buckaroos
—er, associates—are here to see you.”*



"I think I may have spotted something!"

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*"We started out as an influential little literary coterie. But
now we mostly just watch television."*

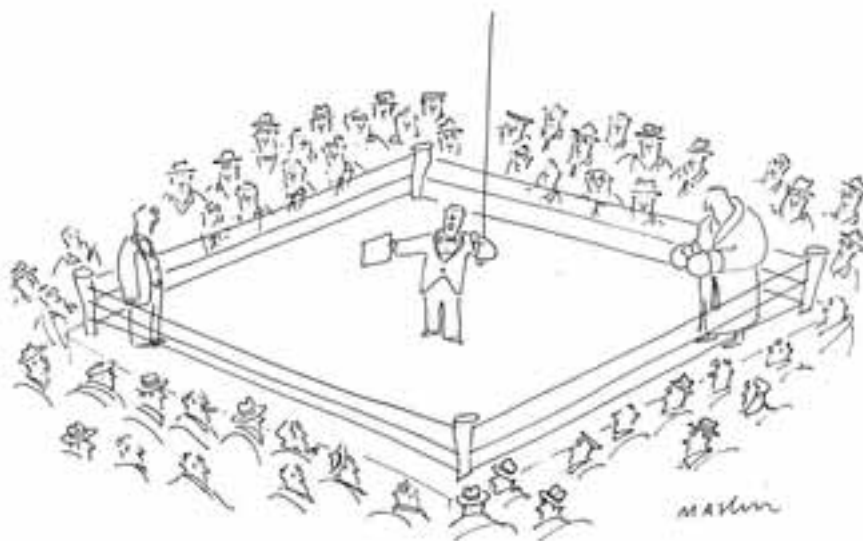


"I assure you there's nothing here that could possibly interest you."



"Would you like to see a tomato? That's a tomato."





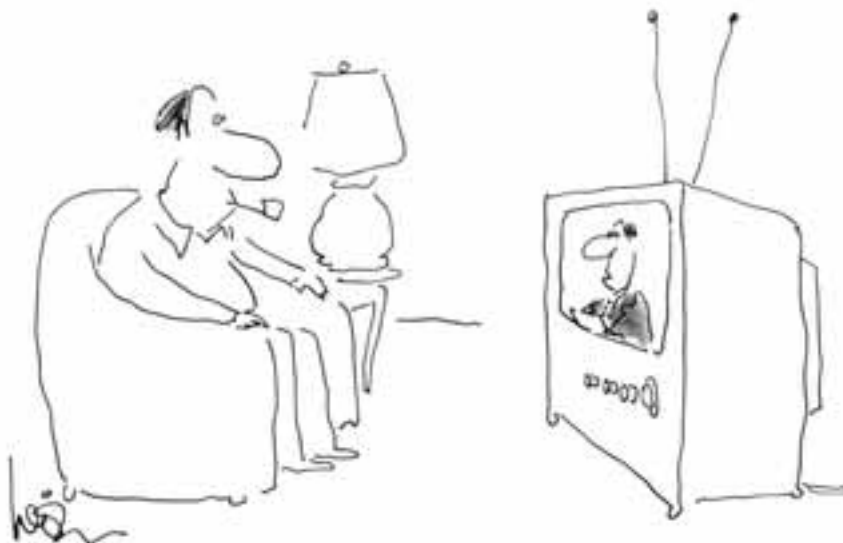
"In this corner, a man prone to costly and lengthy litigation."



"We've finished our business, Higby. You may now exit laughing."



“And just why do we always call my income the second income?”



“And here to reproach our viewers is our station manager, Francis X. Darby.”



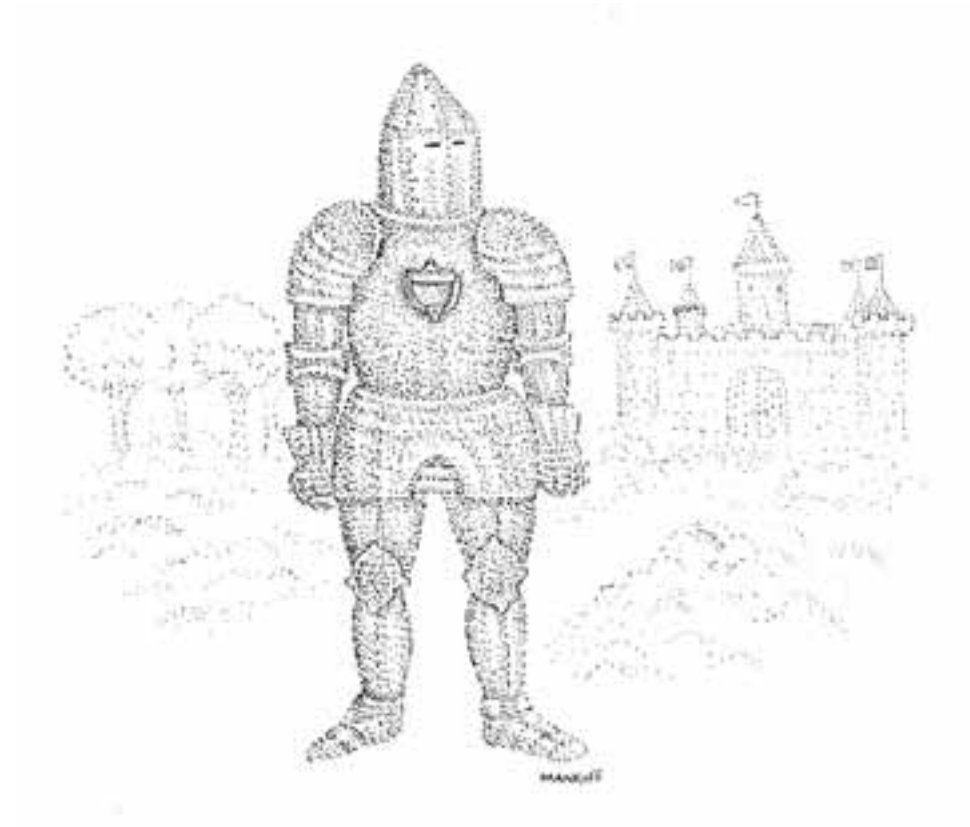
*"Something tells me not to, but I'm going out to
count the chickens before they hatch."*

1981

THE LADY OR THE TIGER OR THE CLOSET?



R. Chast





"It seems some right-wing group marked me for Hell."



"Yanks win last night?"



"Margo, I think we have to start pruning."

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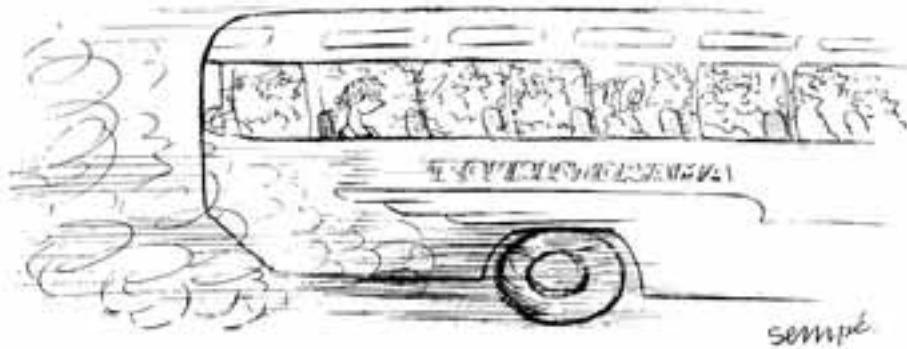
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IMPROMPTU (8 OF 8)







"It's imperative we get some heavyweights on the board."



"He says he's Spot, a long-lost friend."



“Edward says I remind him of Mary Tyler Moore, but I don’t see it.”

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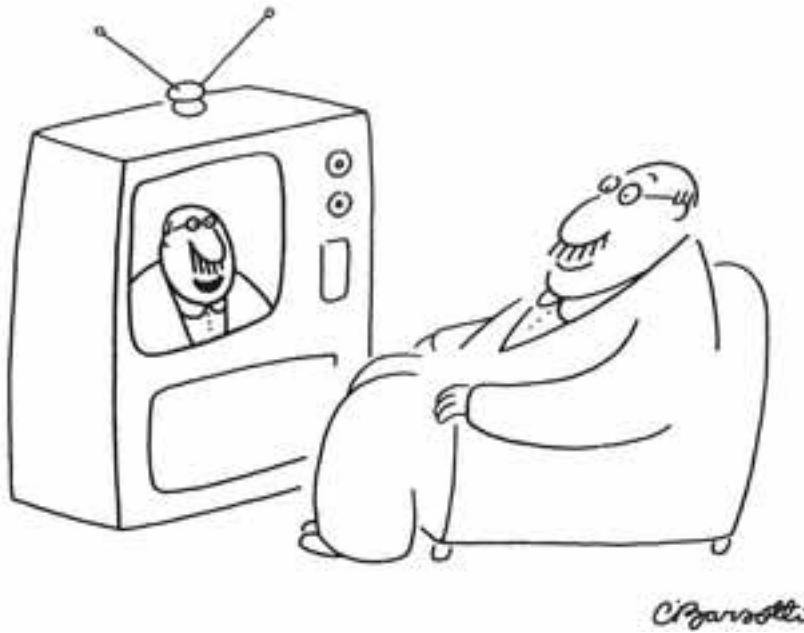
"The era of self-doubt is certainly over."



"How does cockles and mussels alive, alive-o sound to you?"

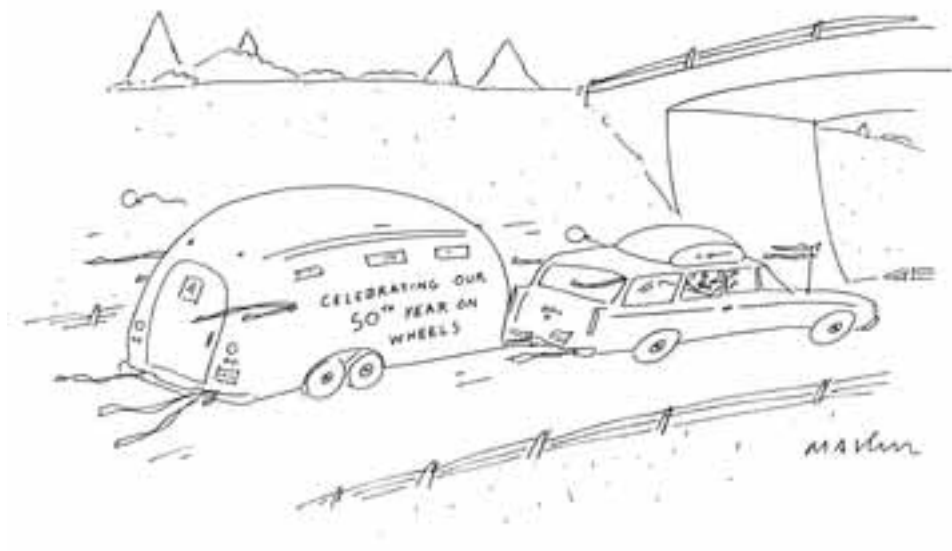


"That's Henry's aura. It hung around after we got the divorce."



"I'm just an ordinary person."

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PROSPERITY IS...





“Well, I, for one, think men are very necessary!”





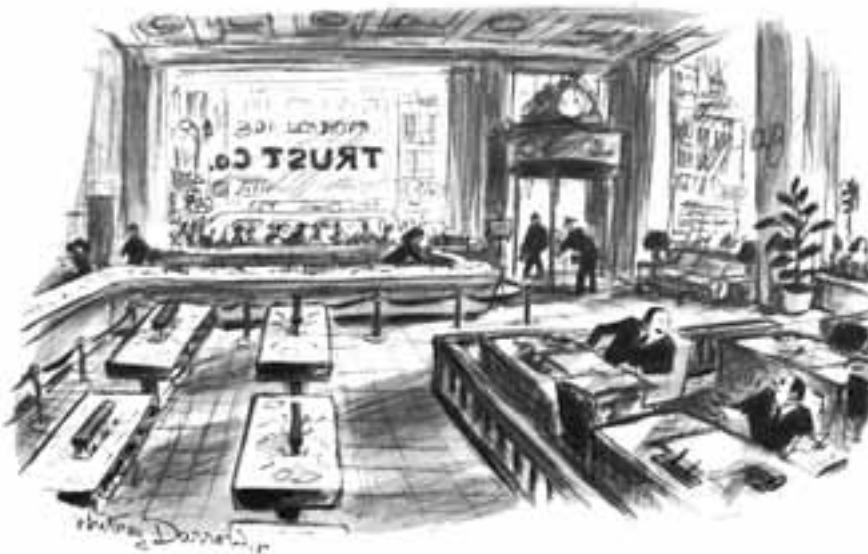
“You’re good people, Harry. And I’m good people.”



"Care to join me for a moonlight nibble on some crudités?"



“Oh, for God’s sake, Amy, are you going to bawl your head off at all the reruns, too?”



"Your turn, Foster. I tidied up the pens yesterday."





Déjeuner sur l'Herbe





*"Burglars, con men, and swindlers all over the place, and
I have to marry a lousy accessory after the fact."*



“Let’s review the whole picture, Janine. You don’t like milk. You don’t like chicken. You don’t like anything green. Now, you tell me, Janine—what does that leave us with?”



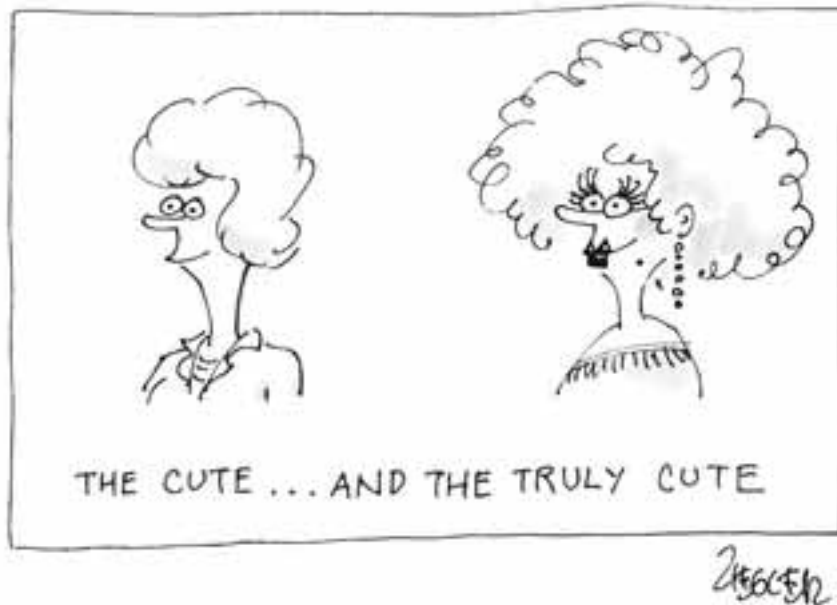
"Lots of folks say the Reagan program is going to make a clean sweep of all our problems right away, but Mr. Pudney has stated that it will be quite some time yet before we get things licked into shape."



"I love the texture of life aboard ship."









*“Just between us, Doctor, how much of that
stuff is cast in cement?”*



*“O.K., if you won’t drink to Spielberg and Lucas,
how about drinking to Cheech and Chong?”*



“‘Buzz off’ in no way constitutes valid rebuttal.”

1981





“Hey, I’m the building inspector. This building O.K.?”



"Maybe we'd better check the headlines."



"Frankly, I preferred it when tennis was a gentlemen's game."

1981





"It's a variety show. There's something in it for everyone."





"Your car will be right down, Mr. Lundquist."



"Kitty, let's go shopping. I mean really shopping."

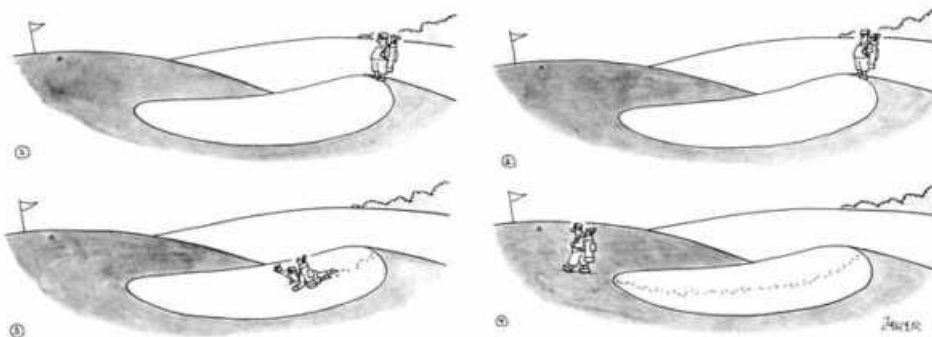
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MARTINI II



Charles Barsotti

1981





“It’s not that you’re not beloved, Ted—it’s the economy.”



Parfait



“Well, that’s Reggie Spearman for you. His luggage always seems to have more to say than he does.”



"I'm going in the water now. Will you please keep an eye on me?"







“Oh, great! Cuffs are back.”





"I'm a party of one."



“Oh, well, we were all young once—except, of course, Beresford.”



“Frankly, when I took out the loan I sincerely believed we’d all be blown to hell before it came due.”



“Will there be anything else, sir?”





"I've seen enough, Orville. Now I want to go back to the East Side."



"Sensational! Gavrilovic is just toying with Borg!"



"Would you mind coming back Tuesday? Money's a bit tight today."

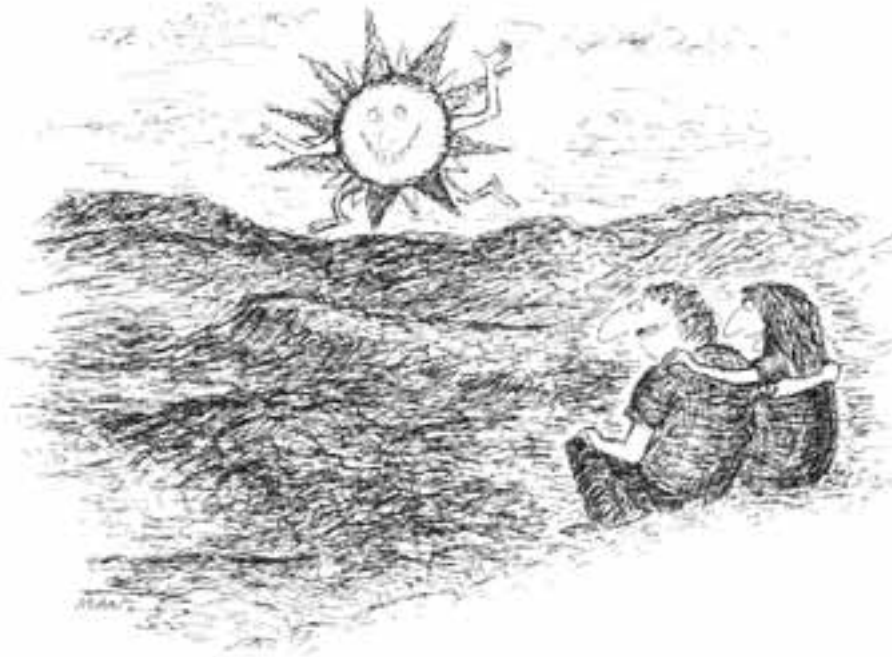




"Let's switch. I'll make the policy, you implement it, and he'll explain it."



"A show of hands, please. How many have never tasted an absolutely fresh-off-the-vine stringbean?"



“The sunsets here are amazing.”



"Nobody sings 'Polly wolly doodle all the day' anymore."



Robert Mankoff (8/24/1981)



“We keep taking all these ‘giant steps.’ How come we haven’t been getting anywhere?”

1981



“If you can’t relax, pretend to relax.”



*"A toast to Everyman and the human condition
and Lauren Bacall!"*



*“Mr. Highland? This is Mrs. Braithwaite. Your fence
has sprung a leak again.”*



*“You must get Nadine to tell you about the time
she was pronounced legally dead.”*



"Most of all, I enjoy being able to work at home."



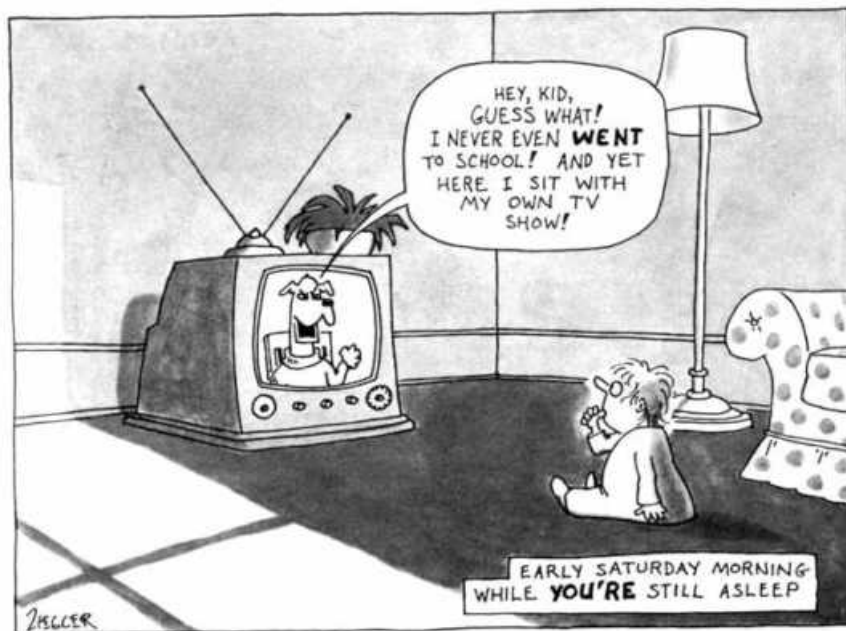
*"Your tale is very sad, Ben. I'm almost sorry
I took an anti-depressant."*





“But, Janet, I’ve read Henry James all my life. I can’t stop now.”







"I'm off to a life of my own, Cornelius!"



*“Will you be taking the suit you came in with, sir,
or shall I have it destroyed?”*



*"Bob, we've asked you to join us today because you have no personality,
no ideas, and you're a bit of a wimp."*



1981

NOT SO VITAL STATISTICS



R. Chast



"I'll be working late this evening, so if you could clean my office tomorrow night instead I'd appreciate it."



*“Oh, Vic, is it true? Am I dreaming?
Have we really come to the Hamptons?”*



"It says what they all say—'No dogs allowed.'"



“Damn it, Jacobson, why can’t you go out and have yourself a three-Martini lunch, like everyone else?”



"I chuckle acceptingly over my inability to solve Rubik's Cube. That's the kind of person I am."





The Burden of Self-Consciousness



“He’s the words, but I wouldn’t go so far as to say that she’s the music.”



“Well, we used to live in Manhattan, but then we moved to New Rochelle. Then we moved back to the city, but then we moved to New Hampshire. Then we moved back to East Eighty-first Street. Then we moved to Idaho. Then we moved back to Manhattan. Then we moved down here.”

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"It's Swedish without the melodrama."



"We're out of sunflower seed."

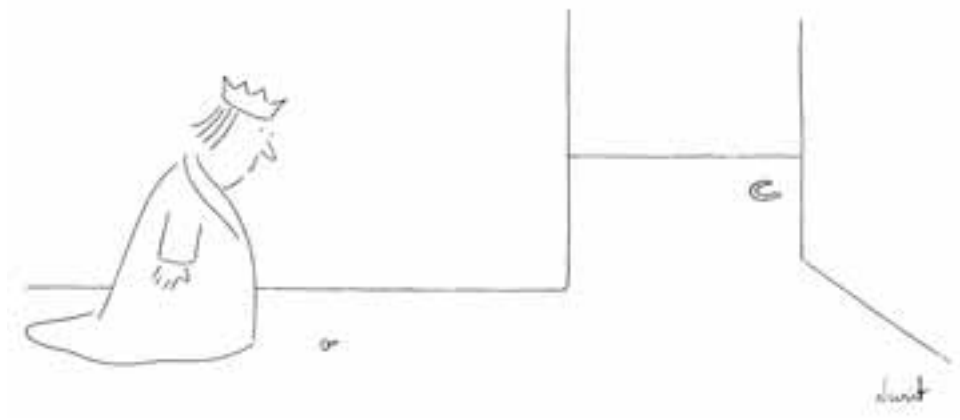


"Can I get back to you? I have an office full of people."



“You, sir, were my hero—until I became my own hero.”

1981





"Is this your first stampede?"



"My husband says 'No surprises.'"

1981





"This is Prentiss J. Parmenter recording. It's eight o'clock, the morning of August 24th. The air is crisp and the sky is clear as I leave for my office. On the way, I shall record my thoughts on business, politics, the parlous state of humanity, and perhaps, should the spirit move me, a word or two of philosophical commentary."



*"If you want to talk, get a paper, and we'll
talk about what's in the paper."*



*"For the purposes of our discussion, let's call him Louis,
although that's not his real name."*

1981





"I'd like a large Cadillac for me and a small Cadillac for my son."



"Come in, George, come in. I wanted to talk to you because here in our organization you're the lowest common denominator."



"We're very good eaters."

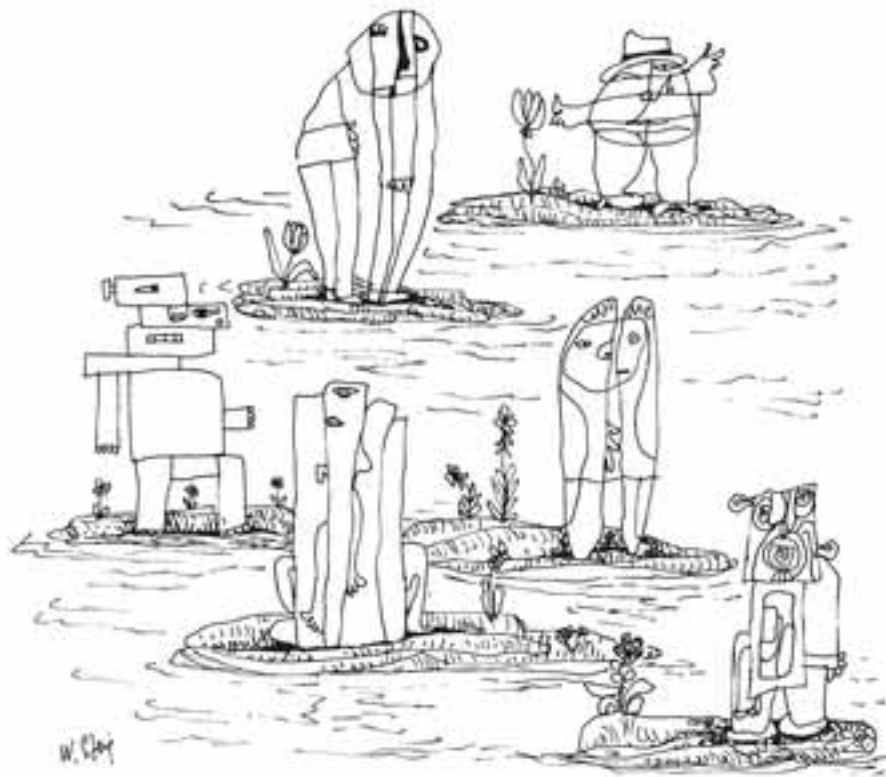


“Watch me. I’ll give you a signal if you get out of your depth.”

1981







No Man Is an Island

1981



“Mr. Fine, the management will thank you to omit ‘Money Is the Root of All Evil’ from your repertoire.”



*“Mr. Whitlow is one of those who still believe that
one person can make a difference.”*



“Can you get it to stop saying ‘Fellow-Republicans’?”



"I'm strictly a meat-and-potatoes man myself."



“What comes after trillion?”

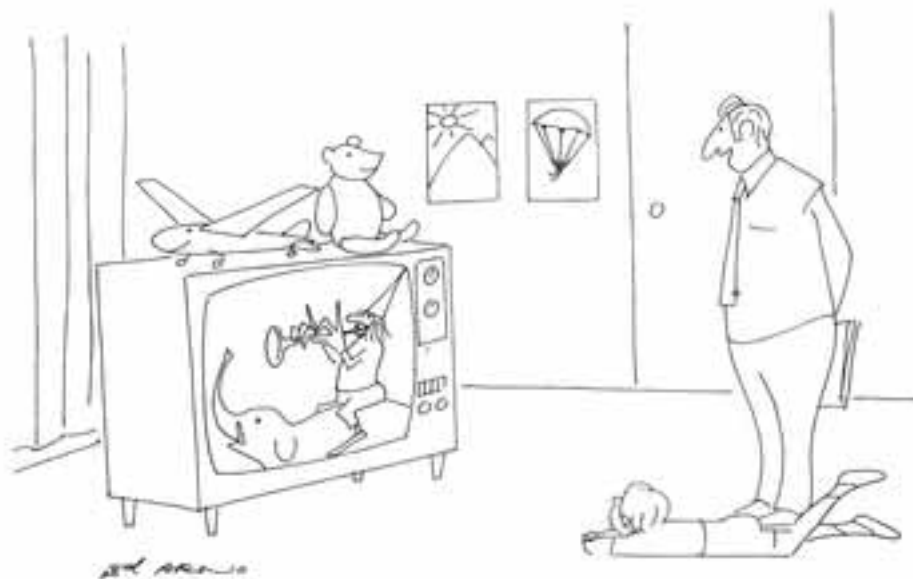


"I'll be at the Blue Pelican Lounge, storing up nuts for the winter."



"Look, I told you all along it was going to be a working vacation."





“Instead, I ran away and joined Kidder, Peabody & Company.”

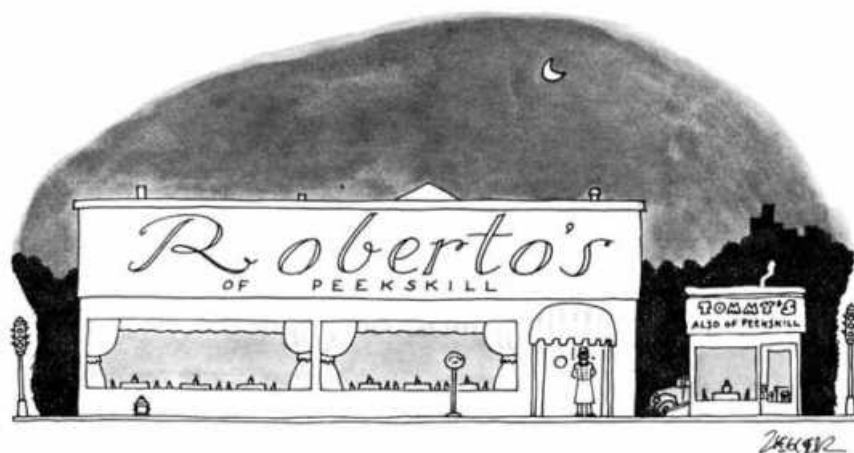




*"What the hell was that! Something just swept over me—
like contentment or something."*



"I'm into rediscovering and reaffirming my swinishness!"

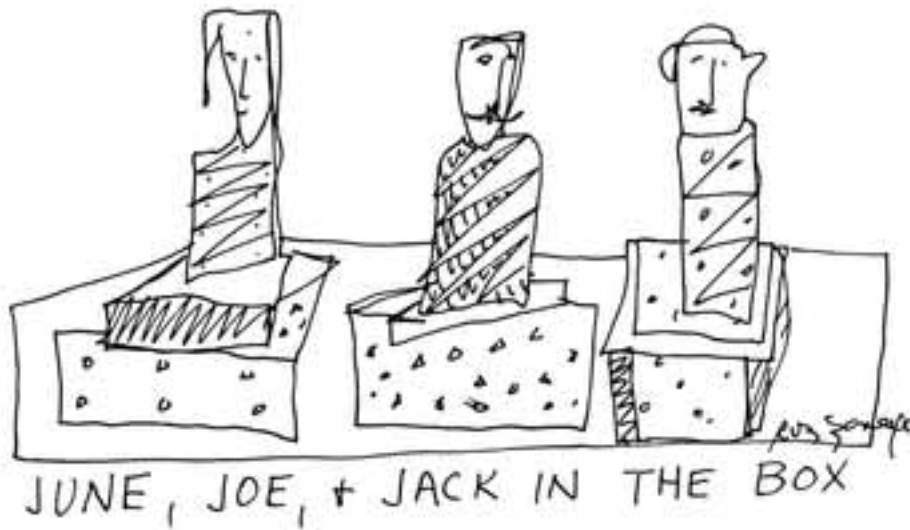


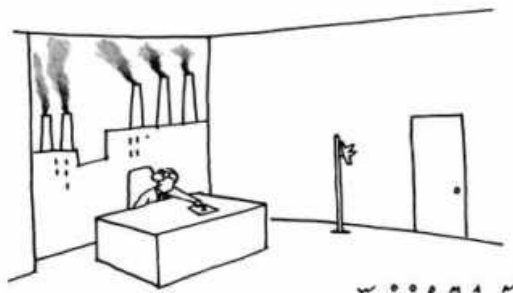
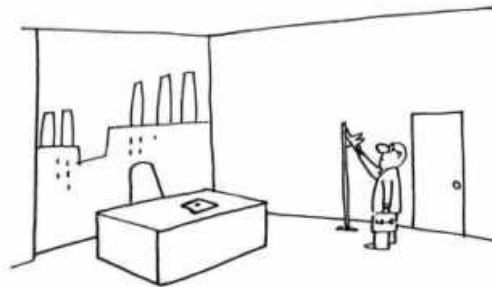
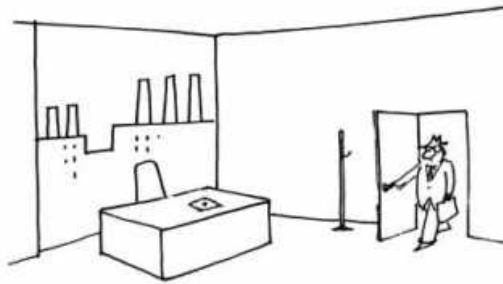


"I'm terribly sorry, but the chef just quit. If you wish, you can sit here for a while and soak up the ambience for which this place is famous."



*"I wish someone would take him out
to the ballgame and leave him there."*



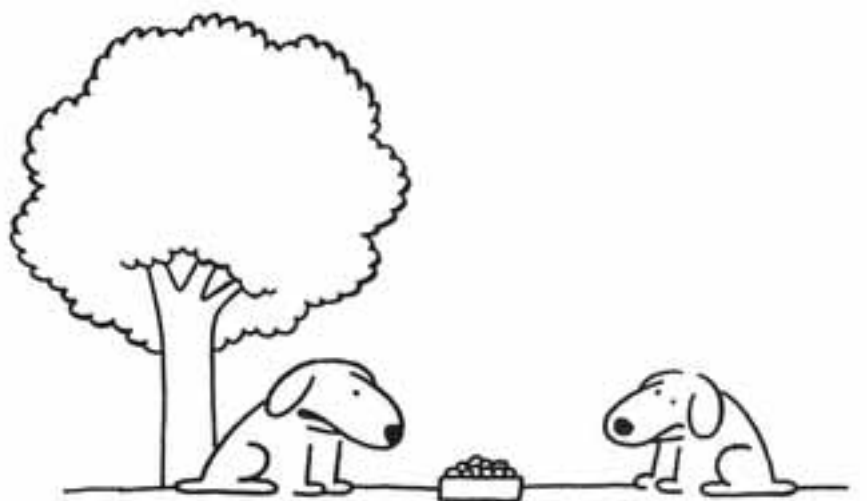




"Earl likes to get the peanuts over with."



"You've been a very, very bad sibling."



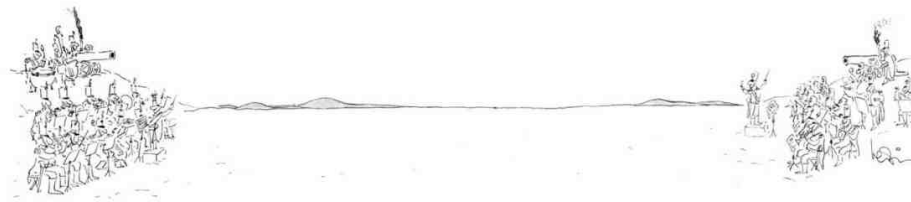
C. Barsotti

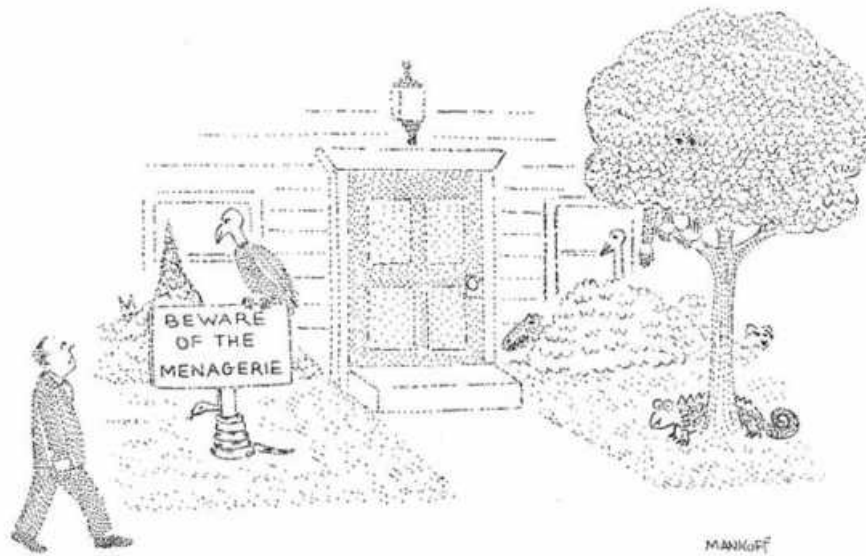
"Looks wonderful."

1981



"Excellent, Miss Crawford. Now fill it with the trappings of office."







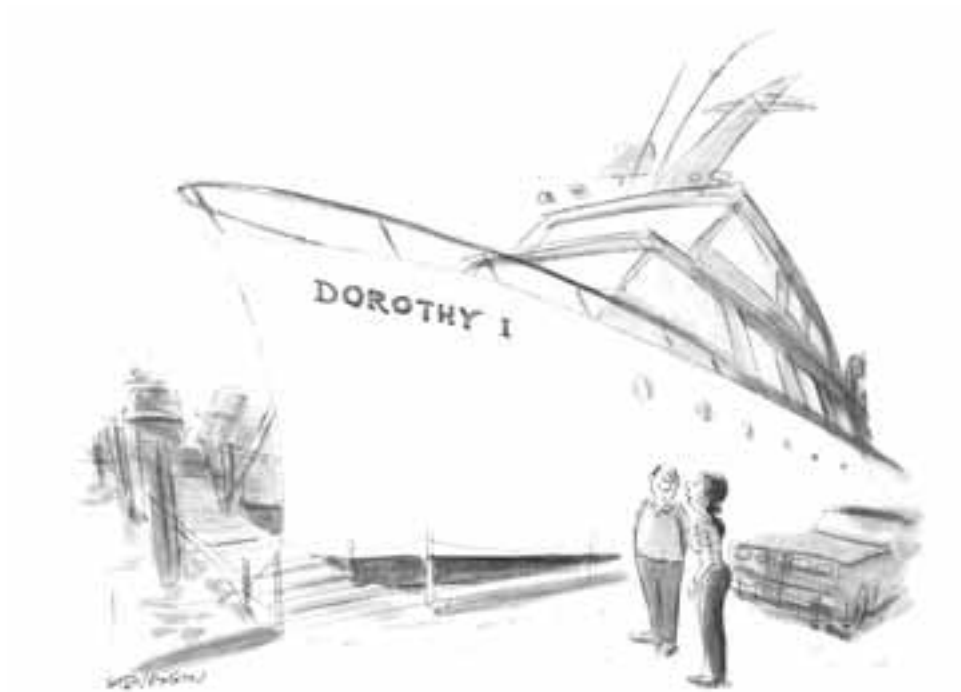
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"Fantastic, J.T.! What a backdrop for a sitcom."



“Miss Pettigrew, may I have the therapy of this dance?”



“Larry, I apologize for ever saying I get precious little thanks from you.”



"Well, keep on plowing."







"Stewart is on a tornado watch."



"It appears to be real horse country hereabouts."



“One moment! I never said I believed in supply-side theory. I merely said we should give supply-side theory a fair hearing.”

1981





"Miss Meegan, have everyone in Accounting look at this sunset."



“Well, there’s another ninety minutes of our life down the drain.”



“All those who prefer to view the current situation with increasing alarm please signify by saying ‘Aye.’”



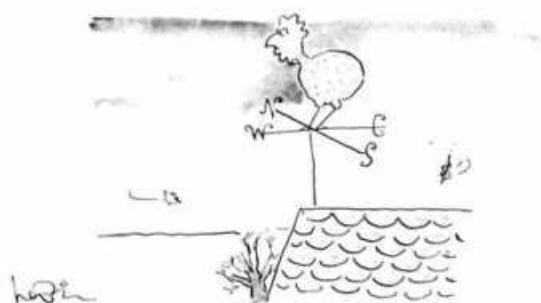
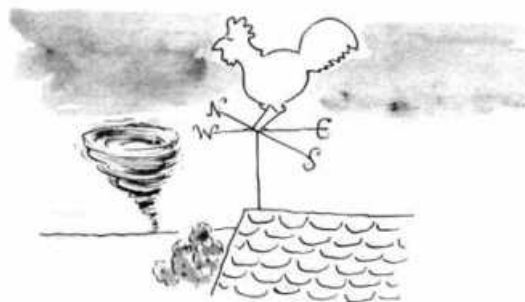
"This is my new friend—Michael. We cook together."



"Today has been difficult, Lucille. Wellington fozzled his drive at the ninth tee, and the people next door adopted a new pale-fawn Siamese cat."

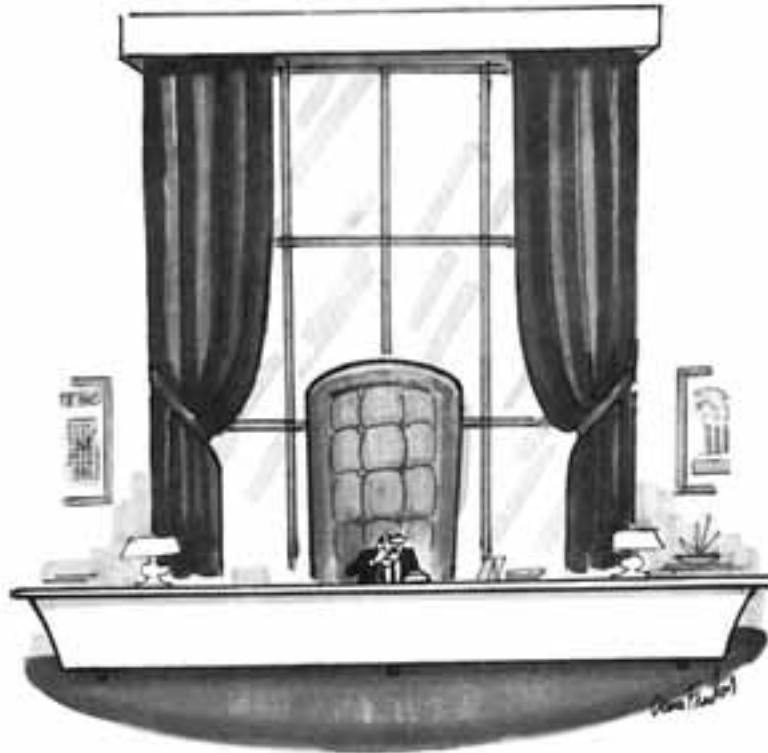


"Is the old salt in?"





Queen Bee



“Do you know who you’re talking to, Buster? You’re talking to the guy with the biggest desk, biggest chair, longest drapes, and highest ceiling in the business!”



“He was a member of the banking population, yes. But now he’s a member of the prison population.”



"The house was built in 1745, but we've only been here three years."





“Just leave! Never mind quoting Strindberg.”





*"If Reagan can take Wednesday afternoons off, Miss Doyle,
I can take Wednesday afternoons off."*



*"It's the multitude, and they're not singing
'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow.'"*







"The world is divided into countries with single-digit inflation, double-digit inflation, and triple-digit inflation."

1981



Man With Ape







"If you and Dandy Don Meredith could spare a minute?"



“Now, that's a welcome sight! I was just beginning to miss decision-making.”



"I didn't go back to work after lunch. I got homesick."

1981



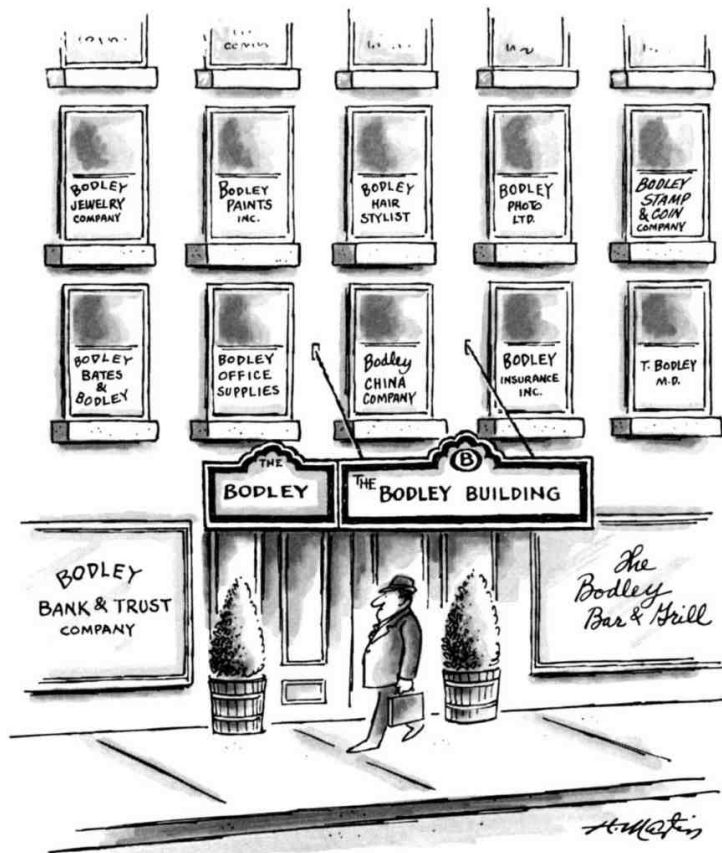
"Go away, Grabowski! There's no room at the top!"



“Yee yee hee hee haw haw yip yip!”



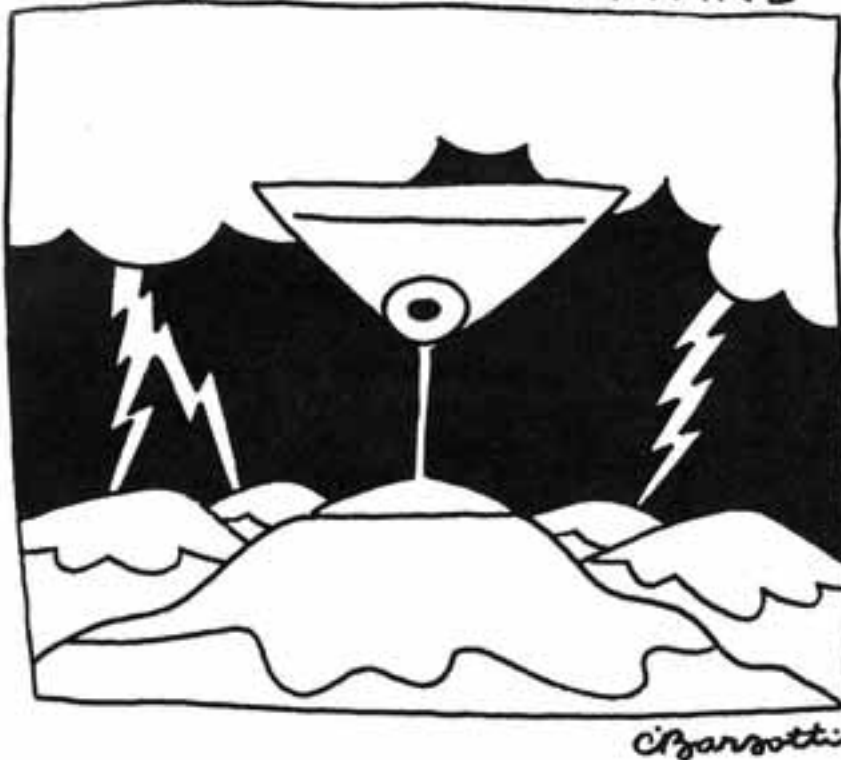
“Yee yee hee hee haw haw yip yip!”





"What happened to the old girl with the crumbs who used to sit here?"

MARTINI OF THE TITANS





*"I love the profession, but after all these years I'm
still basically not a night person."*









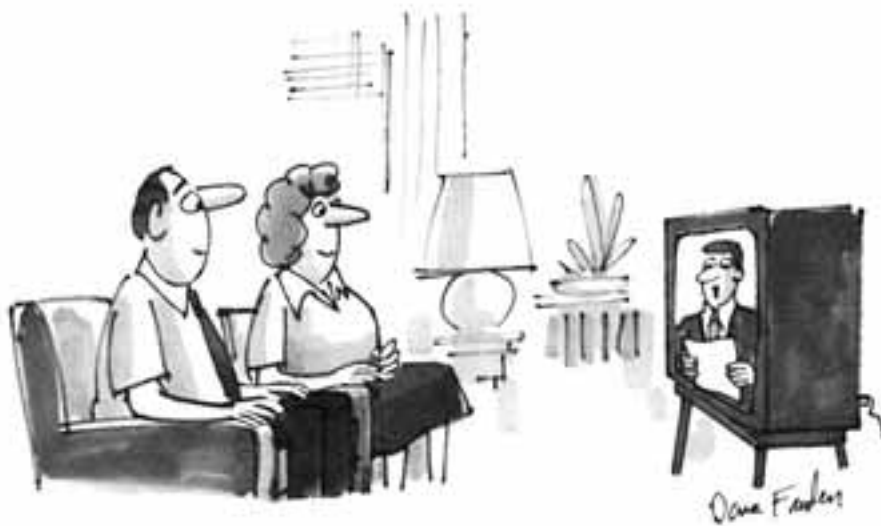
*"Wiggins, Dexter,
Abercrombie, Jackson
& Bedford?"*



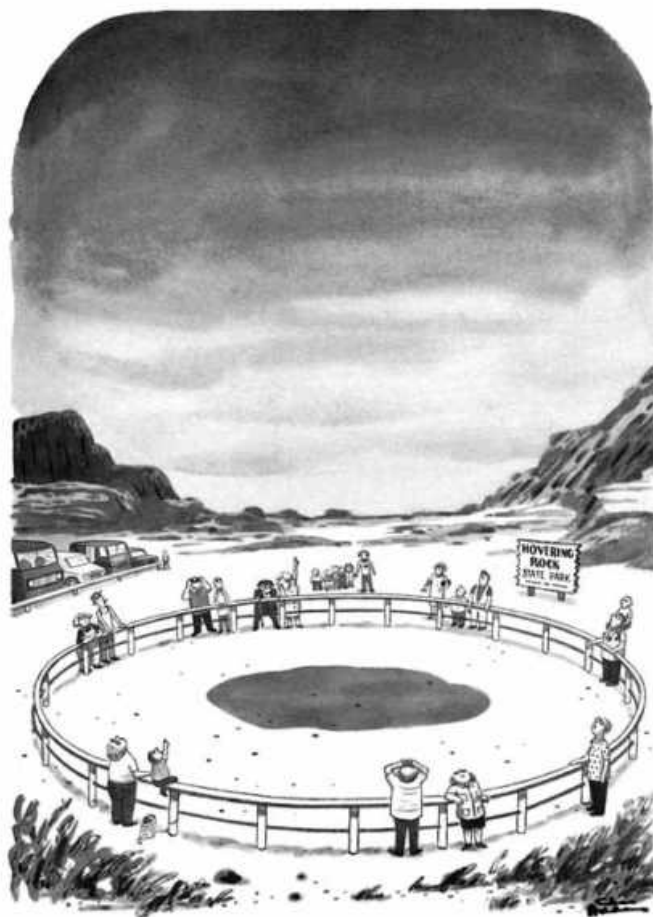
*"Right." "Right."
"Right." "Right."
"Right."*



"I'm afraid that with this kind of account you can't withdraw your money for another three months. However, I can take you into our vault and let you visit it for a few minutes."



“Ronald Reagan was very, very amiable today.”



Charles Addams (10/5/1981)

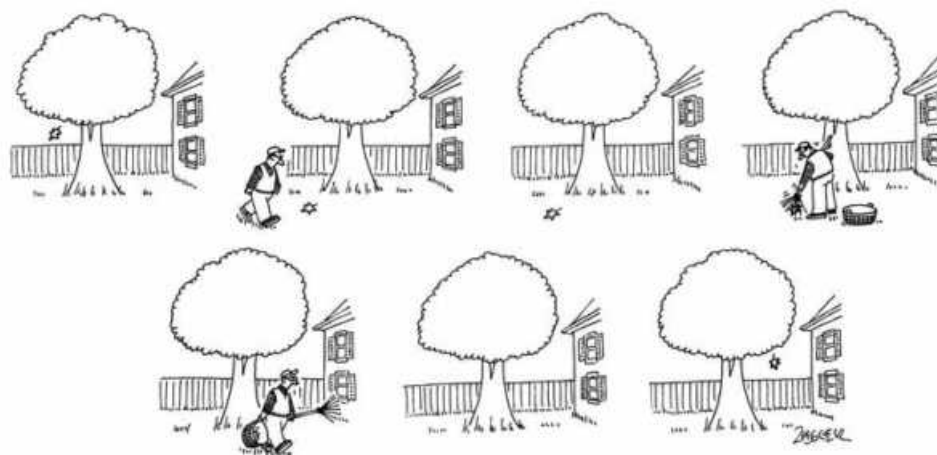
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"Gee, I don't know. I'd hate to see any candidate lose."







"You can start on Monday, Miss Creel. No bluejeans."







"I don't really want to sell this one. It's too autobiographical."



"For years, I'd been saying I preferred classical music to jazz, but I suddenly realized the other day that I don't like any kind of music."





*"Why, Clayton, that's not true.
You have friends up and down the corporate ladder."*



"One small, please."





"I hope you're not going to ask me to sing."



“He had a vision of life and society that guided him in all his endeavors—‘Finders keepers, losers weepers.’”



“For God’s sake, man, give the President’s program a chance!”



"I'm informed and sagacious, but I'm no fun. Is that it?"



*“Of course, none of us around here are actually
looking forward to Armageddon.”*

1981



“Your casting is absolutely marvellous.”





*"Perhaps you should take up horseback riding. President Reagan
likes men who ride horses."*

THE INCREDULOUS HULK





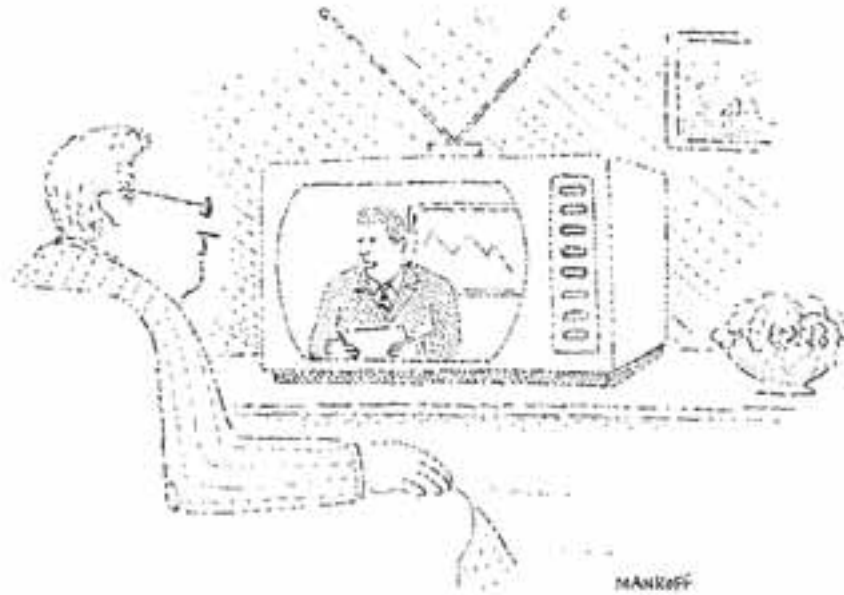
“H.U.D. called the F.A.A. The F.A.A. called the S.E.C. The S.E.C. called G.S.A. G.S.A. called O.M.B. O.M.B. called Y-O-U.”



“The fact that you, Frothingham, claimed you discovered the body at exactly 12:13 P.M. was what first made me suspicious, of course. And then when Billington claimed that he had heard the clock chime the quarter hour just as he and Miss Arbuthnot met for their little assignation in the study, it was clear that you, Merryweather . . .”



Knight Assailed with Doubts



“On Wall Street today, news of lower interest rates sent the stock market up, but then the expectation that these rates would be inflationary sent the market down, until the realization that lower rates might stimulate the sluggish economy pushed the market up, before it ultimately went down on fears that an overheated economy would lead to a reimposition of higher interest rates.”



“We in the Postal Service move a hundred and six billion pieces of mail every year, and the volume is increasing. Ernie, what we are asking is: Could you move your pieces of mail a little faster than you’ve been moving them in the past?”



H. Martin

"I'll have the Number Five, the Slugabed Breakfast—orange juice, scrambled eggs, toast, and coffee."



Fifty-six years with the wrong woman.



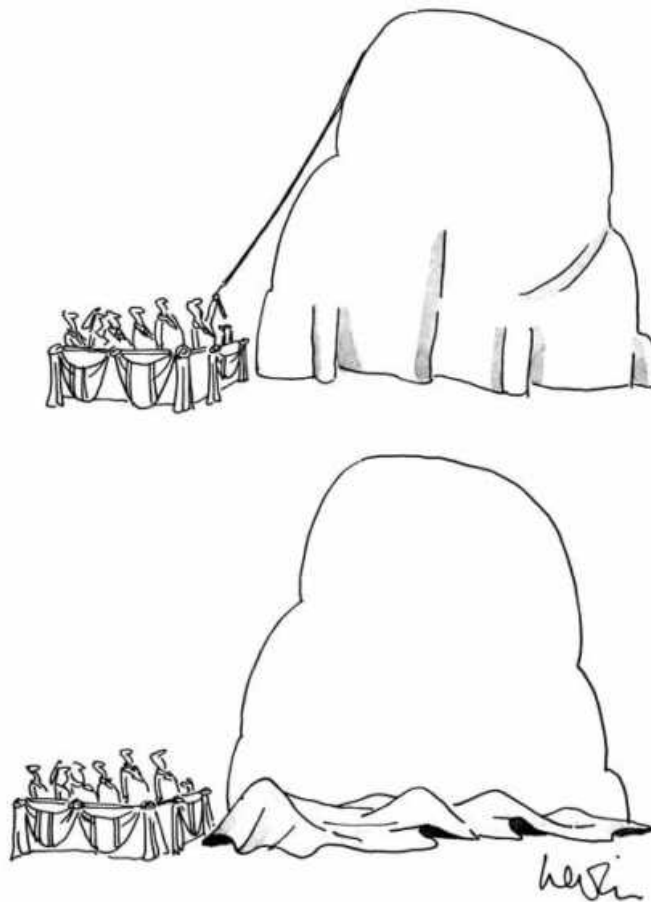
“We ought to consider taking Freedley off crisis management.”



"I'll be in the back yard, writing love letters in the sand."



*"It's no fun being a two-bit country if you can't
push America around anymore."*







BOY



GOOD BOY



OLD BOY



GOOD OLD BOY



"This is where I do some of my best work."





C. Barsotti

*"In answer to your question, Ma'am,
yes, I am very sincere."*





“My, my! With government off your back, you’re looking much better in your suits!”



*“He claims that at those
points in time he was seeing ‘Nicholas Nickleby.’”*



"Todd wouldn't go to bed on time, Jenny wouldn't sleep without a light on, and Tom Snyder was very, very abrasive."



1981

NANOOK GOES SOUTH



R. Chast



*“While we were in Westchester—on a whim, mind you—
Harold and I turned in to a drive-in movie and saw ‘Honky
Tonk Freeway.’ It ruined our August.”*



“Although public life has its rewards, Ted, the time I cherish most is the time I spend with my family.”



*"Here's one that hasn't been done. How about a
one-man show as Calvin Coolidge?"*



Genius







"Miracles happen, gentlemen, but they don't come cheap."







"I never had any formal training. I'm entirely self-taught."



"It is nice, but I do miss the World Series."



*"I've asked our Mr. MacKenzie, here, to tuck you
into some comfortable trust funds."*



"Well, you know, Jessica, it's still the same old story. A fight for love and glory, a case of do or die."



“My tragedy is that I joined the surrealist movement too late.”



“Me? I’m not in a dental plan. I thought you were in a dental plan.”



“If it’s a California wine you wish, Mr. Larry will assist you.”





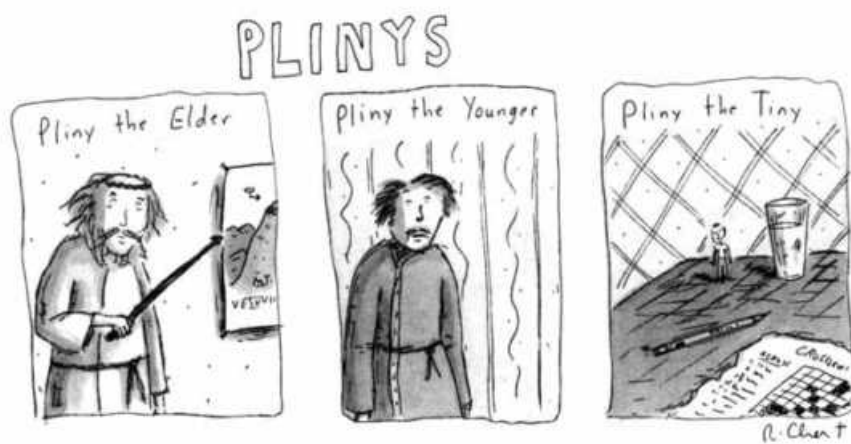
"Thanks for a wonderful evening, Eric, and I'll always cherish what you told me about photovoltaic cells."



*“What do you expect from an evening at the Fulhams’—
Berlin in the twenties?”*



1981







"It seems I committed the seven deadly sins, plus a miscellaneous assortment of sins totalling one hundred and fourteen."



"You're just lucky I have the gift of compromise."



“Very funny, Your Royal Highness.”





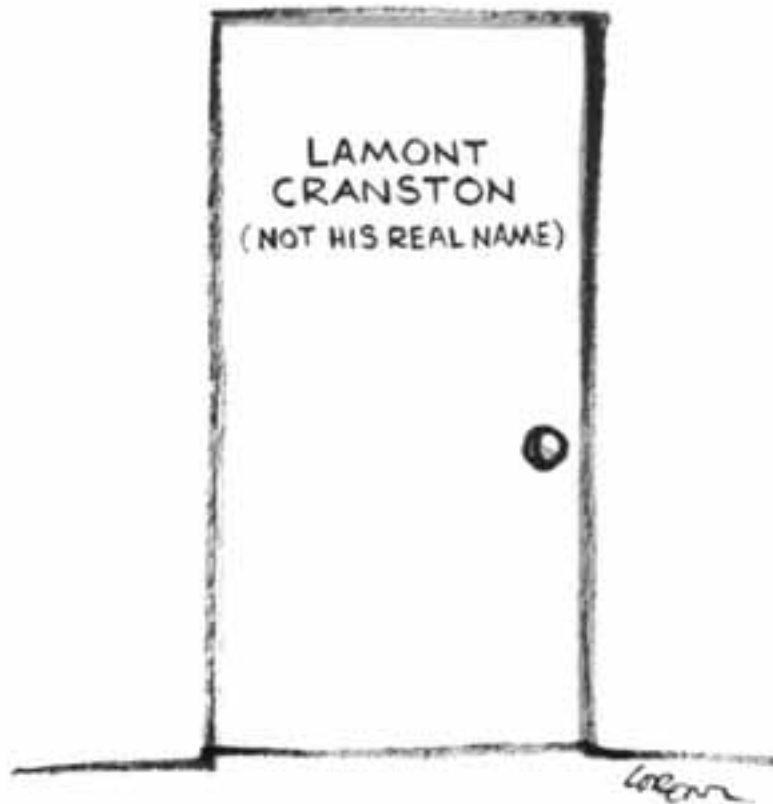
"No more for me, thank you. We're being tested all over the globe."



"I think, Netherton, you've hit a towering pop-up."



"You know something? You're very tough to shop for."





"And let us never forget, friends, it was my opponent who predicted this god-awful mess we are in the midst of."

1981





*"Most of my dealings are with Morgan Guaranty Trust.
As a matter of fact, I have their T-shirt."*

1981



“Do you realize, Helen, that as of today I’ve been operational for thirty-four years?”



“Miss Brinkley! Miss Brinkley! Get in here! I . . . I think I love you!”





"I'm a gifted child."





“What does fall mean to Richard C. Dottledge, of Pinestay, Pennsylvania? It means leaves—and plenty of them.”

1981



"I'm trying to think of the word in French."



"He eats what we eat."





*"I really don't know how to talk to him.
He says he's on strike, but Reagan says there is no strike."*





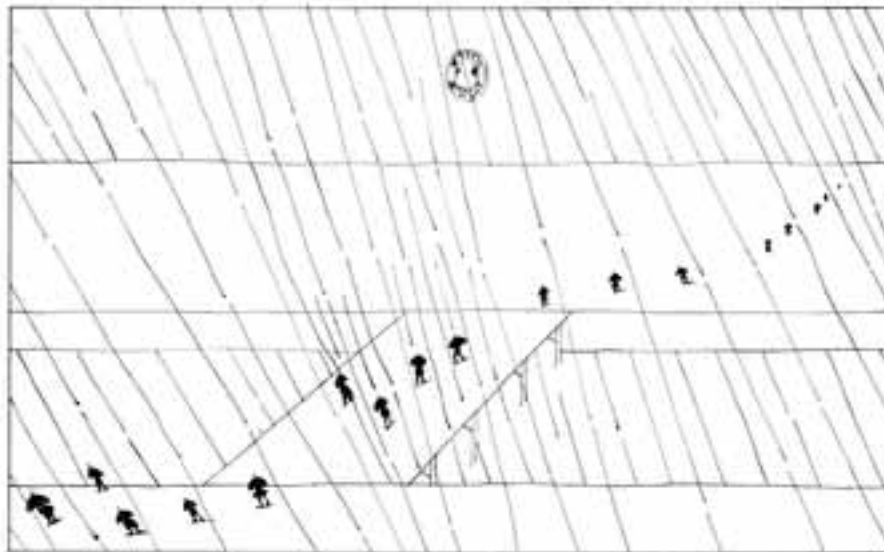
"Anything wrong?"



"We want a no-cobblestone itinerary."

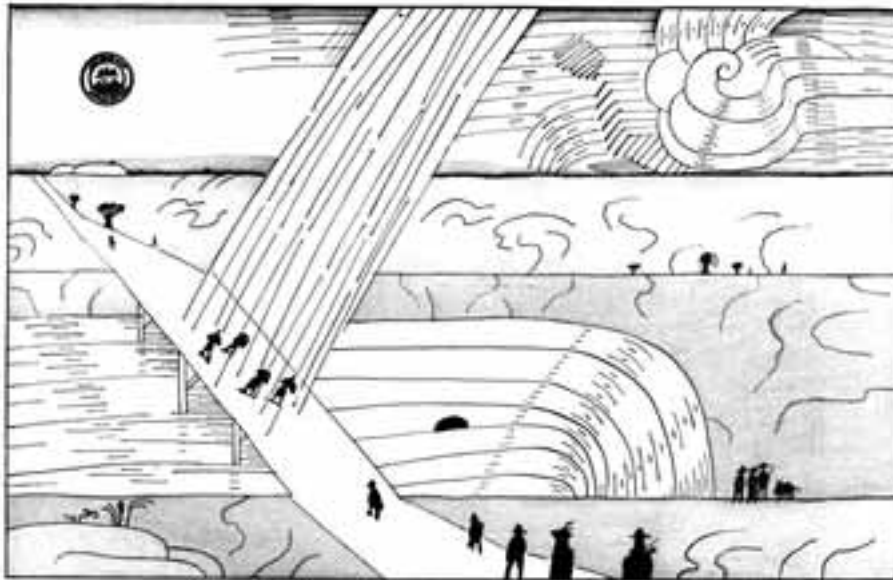
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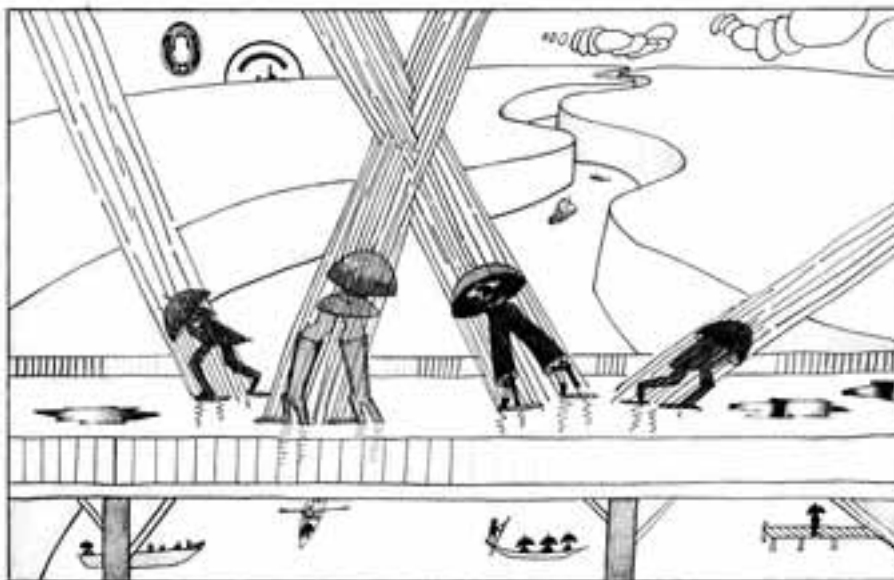


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RAIN ON HIROSHIGE BRIDGE (2 OF 4)



RAIN ON HIROSHIGE BRIDGE (3 OF 4)



RAIN ON HIROSHIGE BRIDGE (4 OF 4)





“And you, sir? Do you have a request for our strolling whistler?”



"My vote, right or wrong!"



A NON-CHORUS LINE



On the Heights



"I was glued to my seat, but I'm all right now."



*"If it were up to me, we would issue you a mortgage at five per cent
and pay twenty per cent interest on your savings account, but, alas,
I don't make the rules."*

1981





"The Supreme Court! Well, this is a surprise."



“High interest rates, AWACS, Reaganomics, inflation, unemployment—nothing bothers Seabrooke. He goes on painting the same crummy paintings day after day.”



*"I would guess, sir, by the look on your face,
that you are a single-issue person."*





*"The last time I saw Paris, her heart was young
and gay and less expensive."*



"All right, then, all those who think there's something rotten in Denmark signify by raising their right hand."



"What have you done with Loeb and Rhoades?"



“And the strings of my heart haven’t gone zing from that day to this.”

1981

RX FOR MATTERHORN MOTORS (I OF 9)



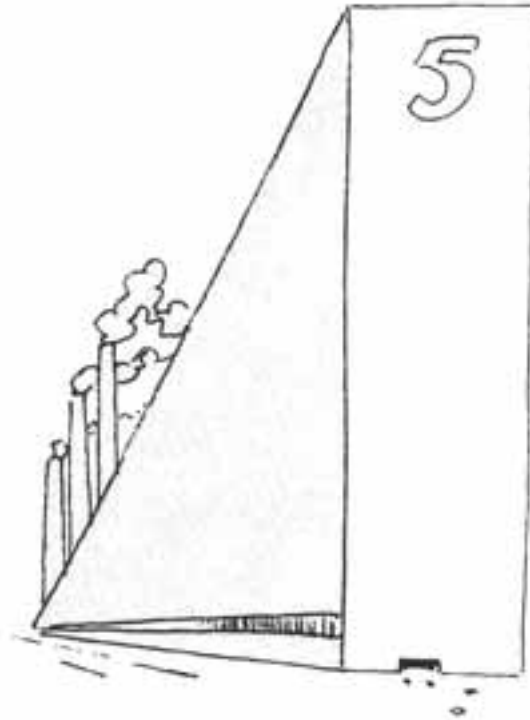
1. Admit that in U.S. buyers' minds a Korean-made small car is not the same as a Japanese-made small car—at least, not yet—and face the probability that the \$399 price tag may have been a marketing boomerang all along. Stop selling imported Ichigongs, in short. And start developing a small four-wheeled Matterhorn.

RX FOR MATTERHORN MOTORS (2 OF 9)



2. Recognize that things have changed since old F.F. Matterhorn and a few cronies were building cars one by one in the shed out near Vaporsville. A whole new definition of Chief Engineer is needed in the automotive world of today. If Ned has to take early retirement—so be it.

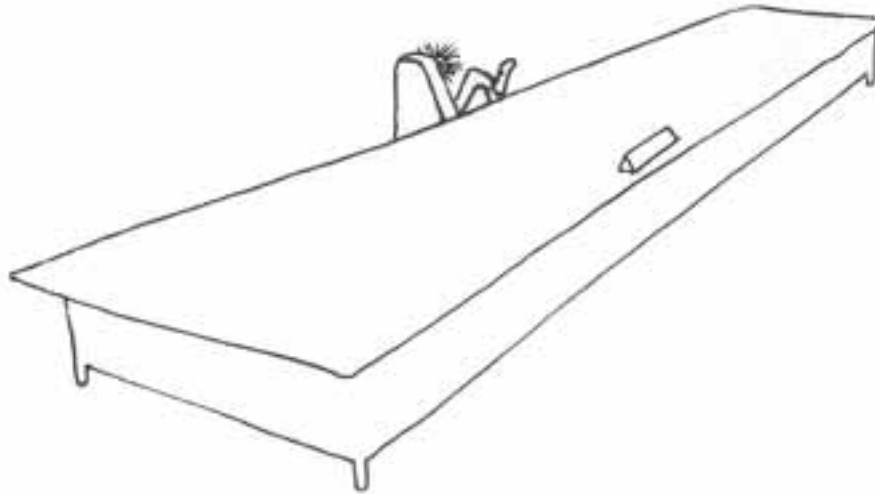
RX FOR MATTERHORN MOTORS (3 OF 9)



3. Matterhorn can't afford to operate plants working at 5% of capacity; shut down Mudburg No. 5. The future that was envisioned when this plant was built, back in '46, has not arrived and probably never will, because—face it—the flying-car boom has not arrived and probably never will.

1981

RX FOR MATTERHORN MOTORS (4 OF 9)



4. Find Freddie III a more meaningful niche in the company. He was probably brought back from New Zealand too soon; a year or two of troubleshooting in, say, the Finnish Parts & Service organization might help balance his operational overview and give him a better feel for just how the divisional structures work.

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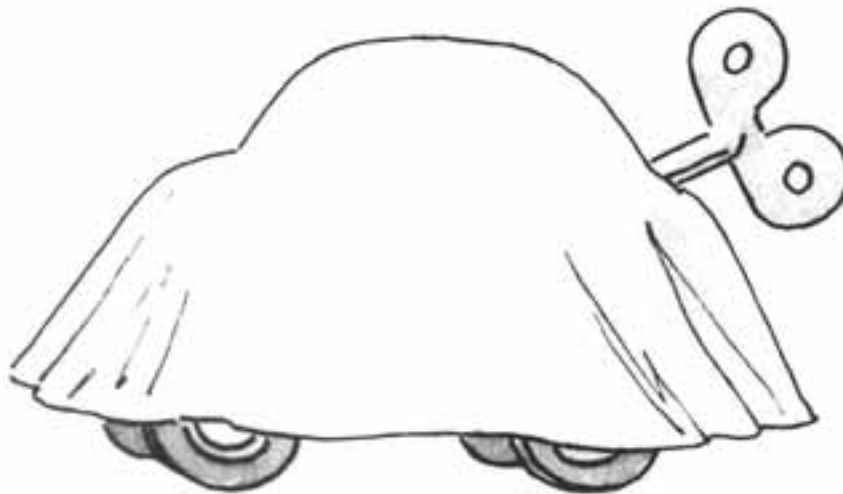
5. Scrap the current ad campaign and get cracking on a more aggressive approach. Buffoon & Laz-enby has taken the underdog thing about as far as it can go without risking consumer backlash.

RX FOR MATTERHORN MOTORS (6 OF 9)



6. Get a better grip on quality control. Yes, 55 m.p.h. is sane on the highway, but isn't it a bit brisk for an assembly line? See what a difference electric light would make in the plants. Learn about blueprints. Understand that when Engineering calculates that every Matterhorn consists of 12,386 parts, Engineering means not some Matterhorns, or most Matterhorns, but every damn Matterhorn that comes off the line.

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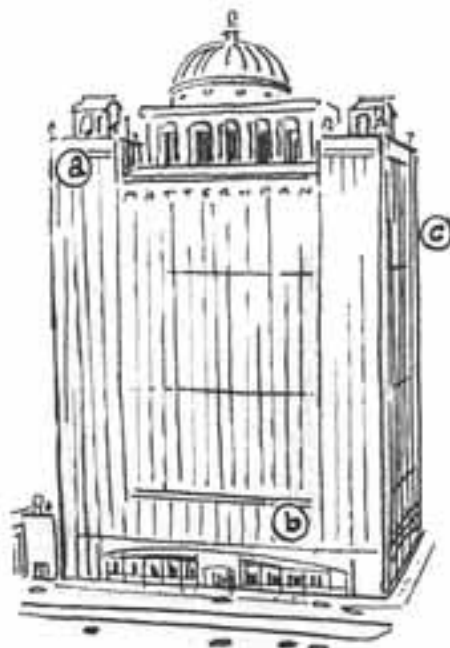
7. Junk the Q-Car project—now.

RX FOR MATTERHORN MOTORS (8 OF 9)



8. Wanting to amortize the brutal cost of a handmade show car is understandable—but speaking of brutal, what about those boos and catcalls at this year’s Chicago Auto Show? Accept that the law of diminishing returns has set in and pull the whole “Dream-o-Rama” display off the auto-show circuit forthwith.

RX FOR MATTERHORN MOTORS (9 OF 9)



9. Centralize top management, pronto. Get people in this weekend to shift the offices of the Chairman (a), President (b), and Comptroller (c) to the same wing, if not to the same floor. Admission that top Matterhorn management had never actually met face to face prior to the Senate committee hearings was damaging to hopes for the loan.



*"Well, young fellow, my daughter tells me you're a survivor.
I'm not sure I like that."*



“What’s this? A just completed staff study proposing that I introduce a bill to broaden eligibility for increased social-welfare programs? My God, Bigelow, where have you been?”



"I'll tell you what I call it, Jenson. I call it the art of living."



*"I am here tonight, gentlemen, to speak to you not
of guns but of, God help me, butter."*



*"I spent most of my time this summer gardening and cooking,
and Charles answered his mail."*





*"Between us, Flaster, there are two things I never
did understand—arbitrage and dames."*



“You don’t need another book about how to be happy. You are happy.”



*“For the first time in our lives, we’re
getting a jump on Christmas.”*



Bernard Schoenbaum



“Your Honor, I believe that the court has heard quite enough.”







"Orrington loves a good laugh."



"Let's take the next one, Stoddard. These people aren't going anywhere."



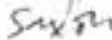
“Be on the lookout for a white male, a hundred and seventy-pounds, five feet ten inches, blond hair, hazel eyes, fortyish, likes disco, theatre, and long walks in the country. Seeks similar in a woman, twenty-five to thirty-five.”



"Hey, what's he the god of?"



"I don't know who to root for—Allen, Meese, Weinberger, or Haig."



“And now, the same bread with herbs!”



“ . . . and, of course, the fairways are—eee-yi!—right at your doorstep.”



"I'm still a sucker for Reagan's rhetoric, but—you mark my words, Harry—one of these days I'll see right through him."



*"Well, I guess I'll have to hang up for now, Edith.
My husband has just burst upon the scene."*





*“Lyman, dear, I want to start off your day with a song—
‘Un bel di,’ from Puccini’s ‘Madame Butterfly.’”*



"The seasons fly by so fast, don't they?"



"Sir, it's warm, cuddly, and macho."



“... comma, then an expletive of your choice, for emphasis.”



The Duenna



"All right, men. Damn the torpedoes—full speed ahead!"





*“Have you ever thought about how well
our collectibles would mesh?”*

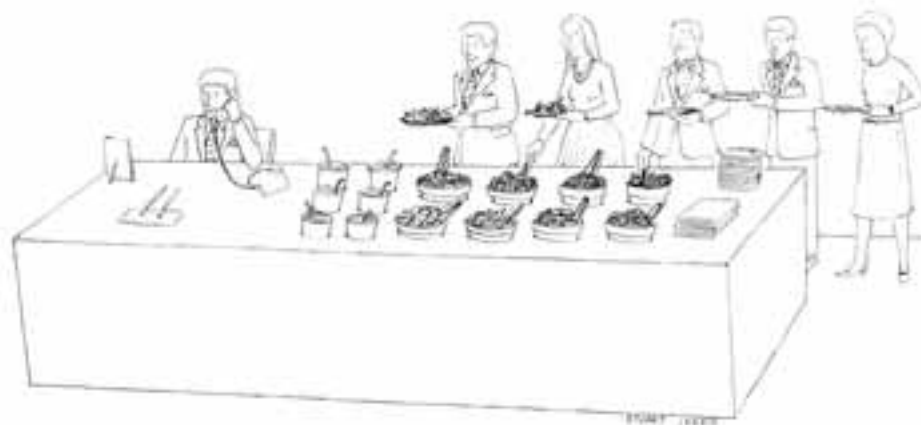




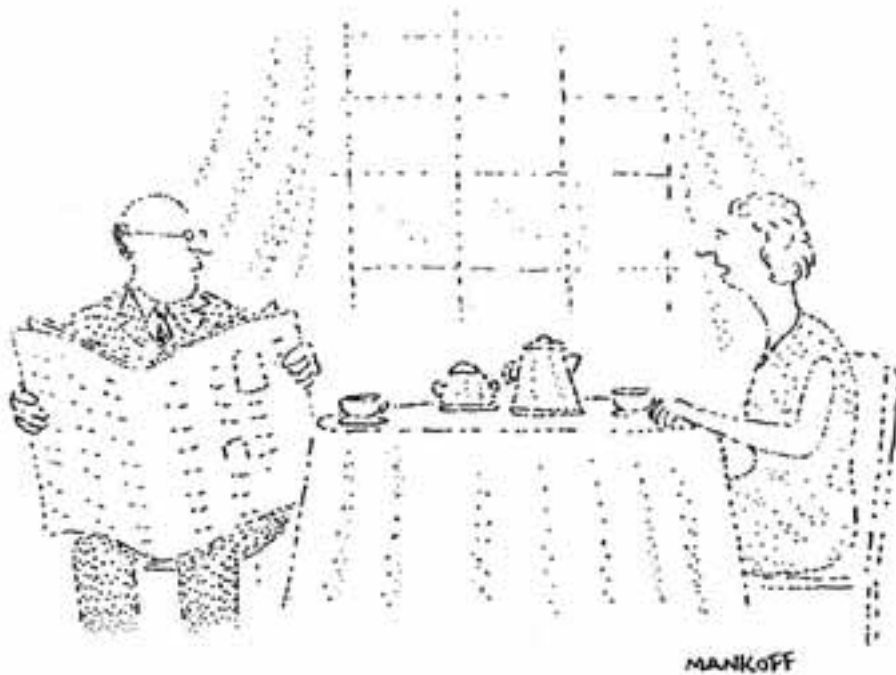


“Major Deegan, but of course not the Major Deegan.”





"You may serve the croutons now, Miss Pomeroy."



"I don't mean to stir anything up, dear, but don't you think that perhaps our divorce was a little too amicable?"



*“McKay & Sons is a different sort of company, Larabee.
Please remember to respect our culture.”*

1981





"Bless you, Carol, and just promise you'll call me right away if it doesn't work out."





*"The file goes to the secretarial pool, the cooler goes to accounting,
and Mr. Hadlock goes to the office next to mine."*

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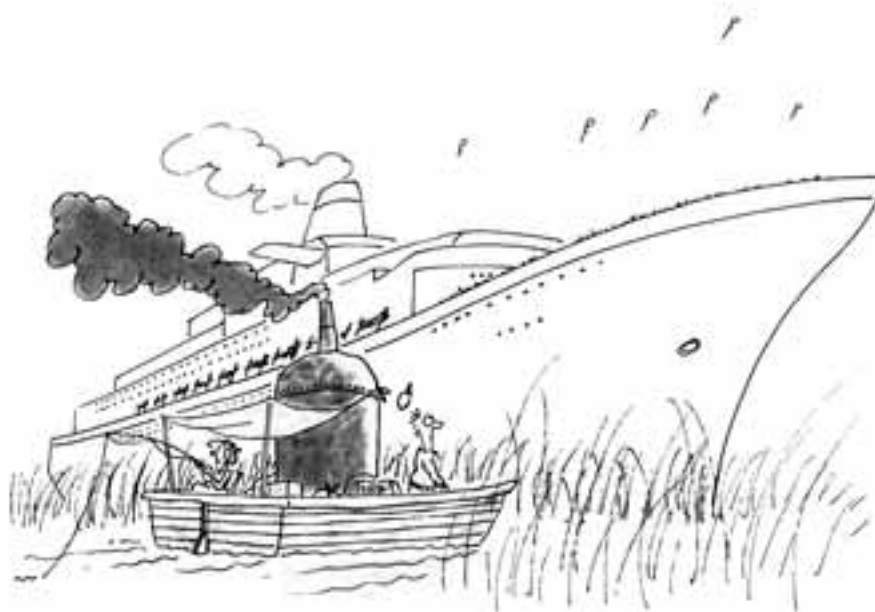


THE MALTESE FALCON 1981



THE BACHELOR AND THE BOOFSIXER
AND THE WEREWOLF

NEW FALL RELEASES (2 OF 6)



THE AFRICAN QUEEN VS. THE LOVE BOAT

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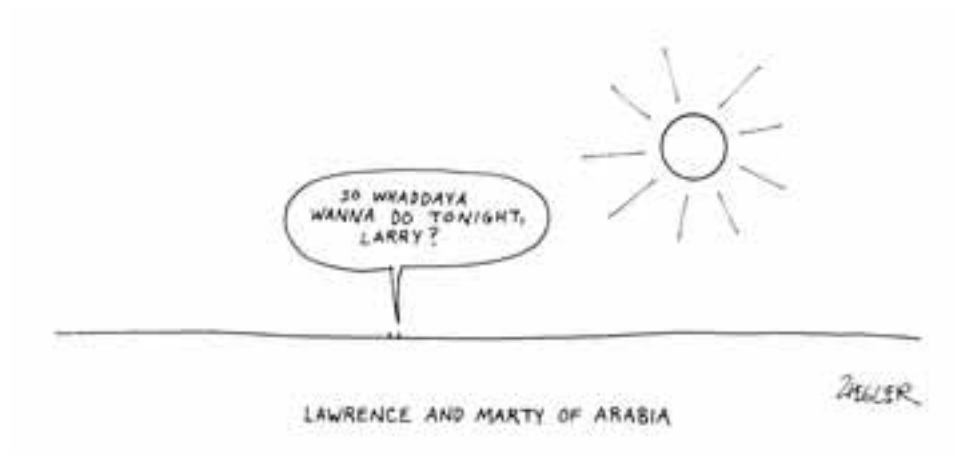
THE BARKLEYS OF BROADWAY GO TO PRISON

NEW FALL RELEASES (5 OF 6)



DINNER AT EIGHTISH

NEW FALL RELEASES (6 OF 6)





*“Here’s to Winthrop, Sawyer, Peters & Rice.
For we’re a jolly good law firm!”*





*"How does pork chow mein at Lum Foo's followed by
some enchanted evening sound to you?"*





“Tess is comfortable in French as well as in English.”



*"No, I'm not Solzhenitsyn, but I share his
estimate of the world situation."*



*“High fives! Something big
must be happening over in Corporate Acquisitions.”*



"I ask you. If not the Reagan Administration, who? If not now, when?"

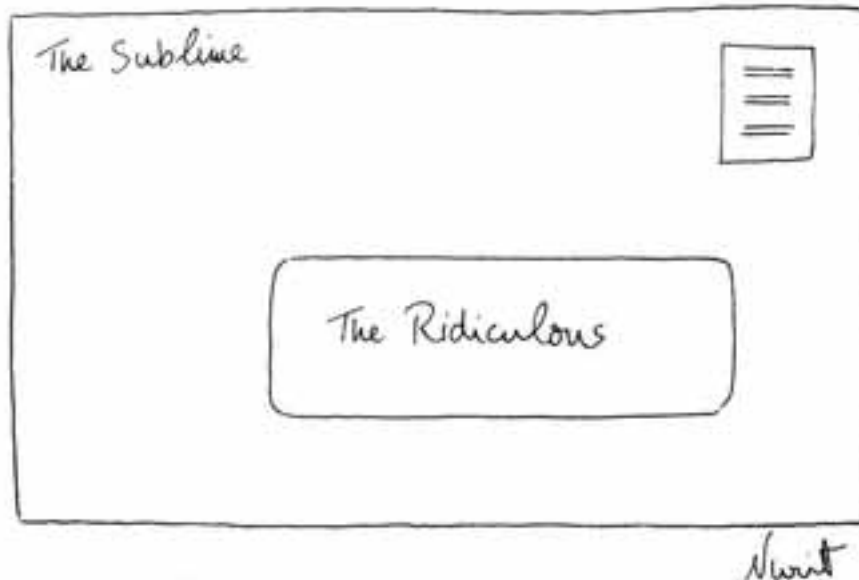


*"We all make mistakes, as Your Honor knows,
having been twice reprimanded by the New York
State Commission on Judicial Conduct."*



*“What I like about him is he never tells you to stay in line,
he asks you to stay in line.”*

1981





*"Heather and Mel Spelcher want us to come over
just for the fun of it."*



"Farewell, Constance."

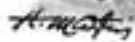


*"Hi! I'm an old friend. Passing by, thought I'd drop in.
Don't remember me, eh? Well, that's life."*

1981

THEY CHANGED THEIR TUNES





“And now I would like to make a comment addressed to the audience at large.”

1981





Arnie Levin (11/23/1981)



"I think it's time we established new guidelines for corporate behavior."



1981



“Touché.”



"What do you want—comfort or impact?"



"We decided to just stay preppy, as though nothing had happened."



"I've had a happy childhood, a happy youth, a happy middle age. I count on a happy old age, and then I'm going straight to Heaven."



“David, you’re denying your feelings again, aren’t you?”



*“Alice, call up the Golden Pagoda Restaurant and find out
if this is the Year of the Frog.”*



“Harold doesn’t ordinarily care for the Muppets, but tonight’s guest host is Paul Volcker.”



*“Before proceeding, Gertrude will read
the minutes of the last Thanksgiving.”*



Folk Tale



"This feels terrific, Henry."



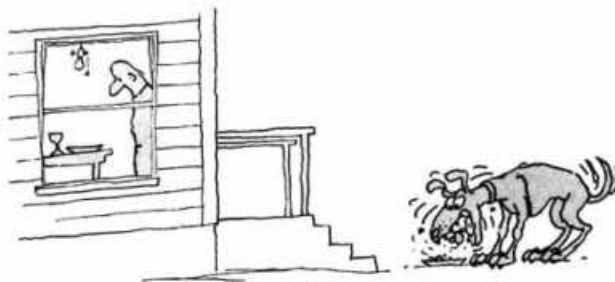
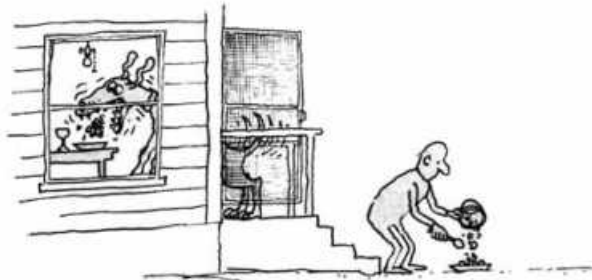
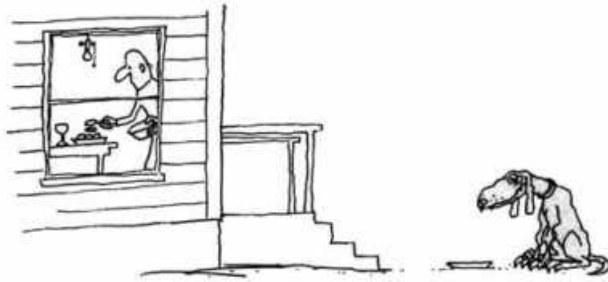
"Nothing you say is ever passed around the dinner table."



"You won't believe how much I was paying for an apartment this size in New York."



"I've got twenty-five to seven, Hank. What have you got?"



BOOTH.



"Come in, come in, Wilcox, old boy! Nice to see you again! And, by God, now that I've seen you again, don't think it ain't been charmin'. We'll just have to do this again, Wilcox, old sock. Now, you hang in there, and bye-bye, old boy. Keep in touch, won't you?"



"I'm sorry, Bert, but I'm just not a joiner."



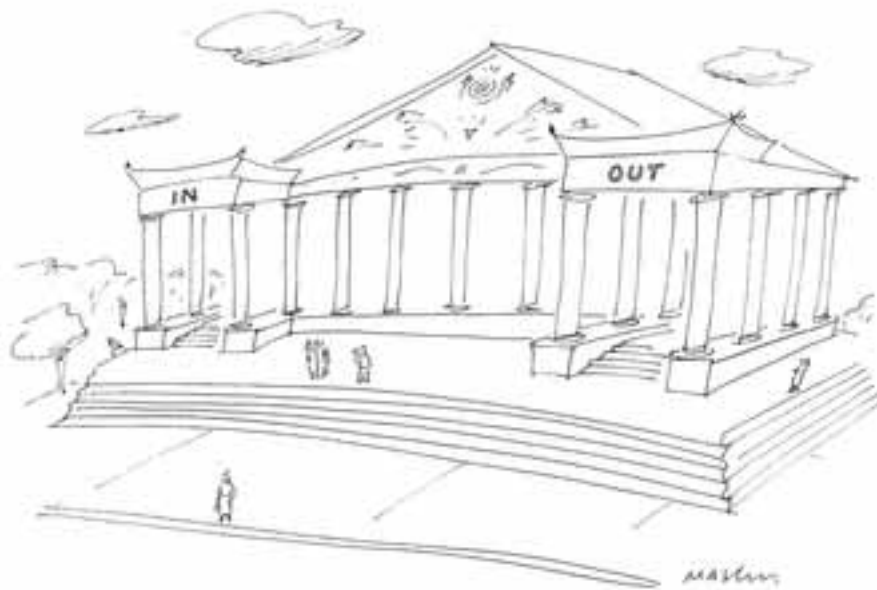
“Actually, it’s three and ~~twenty~~ blackbirds and a grackle.”



“You know that remark I made last night I said I’d never forgive myself for? I forgave myself.”

GUERRILLA CAMPAIGN







*"Before we get down to cases, Gellerman, let's clear the air.
Are you, or are you not, wearing a rug?"*



“Is it enough to have dined sumptuously?”



"I'm part fact and part fiction."



*“Don’t laugh, but I think new slipcovers wouldn’t
do our marriage a bit of harm.”*







"Well, have you decided yet what you want Santa to bring you this year?"



"So here's what we're saying: The sun, wonderful as it is, can't do it alone, but, combined with the magic of marketplace, anything is possible."







Spellbound

William Steig (12/7/1981)

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*"I'm sorry, I never see anyone personally. However,
you may call me from that phone."*



“What it comes down to is this—we’re a \$28,000-a-year couple rattling around in a \$265,000 house.”



*“Ever have one of those days when you no longer get
a kick out of throwing the book at someone?”*



“Frankly, in the beginning I had to struggle against a tendency in my work toward the banal. Then one day I simply decided to celebrate the banal.”

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"Pull yourself together, Jack. We all miss the go-go years."



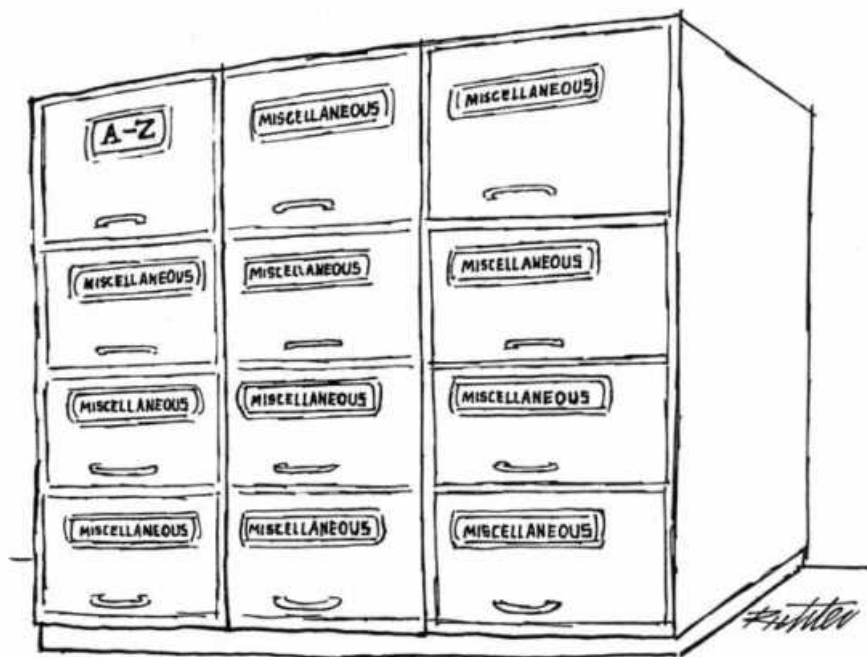
“‘There’s no such thing as a bad apple’? I don’t think anyone famous ever said that.”



*“You know what burns me up? I deliberately kept
my life uneventful, and I got old anyway.”*



"Self-help! Self-help!"





"No, thank you."



"Reagan forgave Stockman."



*“Do you realize, dear, that you’re younger than Cary Grant,
Katharine Hepburn, James Cagney, and Fred Astaire?”*



“Sturgis is a ‘no-nonsense’ TV fan.”



“Oh, very contemporary. Notice how the shoulders have that depressed, saggy look you see everywhere today.”



*“As I see it, our commitment to the peace process is only credible
if our commitment to the war process is credible.”*



"I keep feeling we forgot somebody."



"I'm sorry. We're all theatre people. We don't have any small talk."



"Jesse, isn't that one of Mr. Ferguson's wheels?"





Body Language



"Whit and I never go to museums, art galleries, concerts, theatre, opera, ballet, sporting events, bars, restaurants, or night clubs, but it's nice to know they're all there."





*"Thanks for asking, but I assure you that you
are not going too fast for me."*



*"Season's greetings from Slug Wasseleman, on forklift twenty-seven,
Container Division, Fulton, New York, plant."*





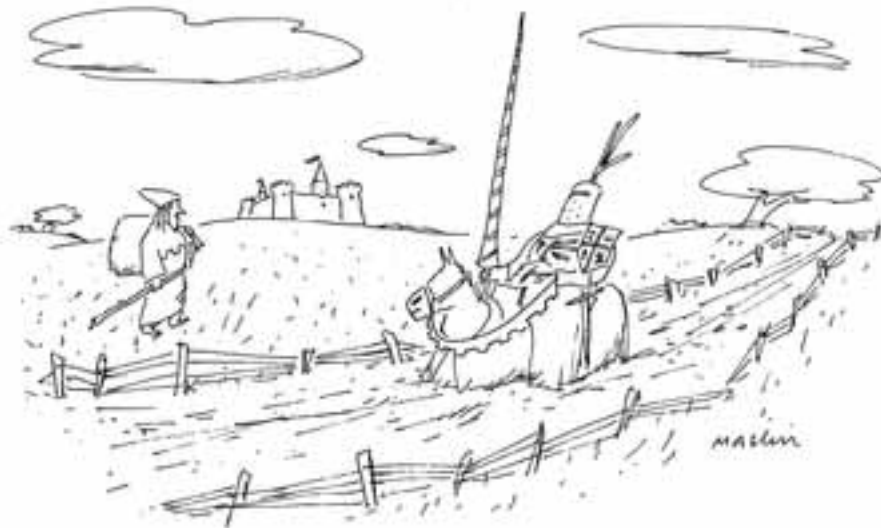
*“So many of the problems between generations come from
not keeping lines of communication open.”*

MAN WITH THE SAME BIRTH DATE AS MICK JAGGER





*“A light and libertarian waltz for me, or a conservative
and authoritarian military march for you?”*



Stuck in the Muck in Full Regalia



"I'd like to advise you in this matter, Morton, but there seems to be nothing left in the old noggin but former girlfriends' telephone numbers."

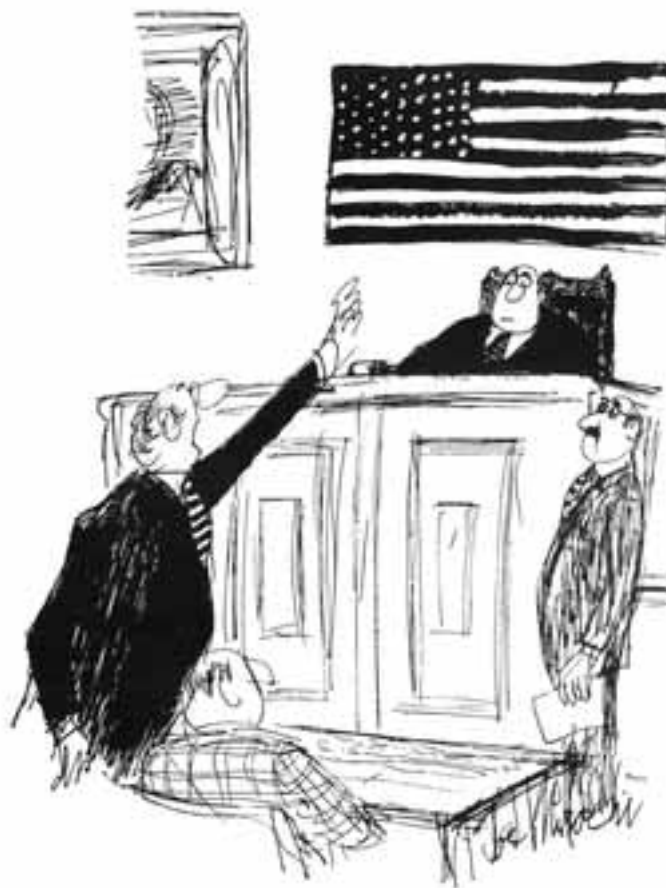


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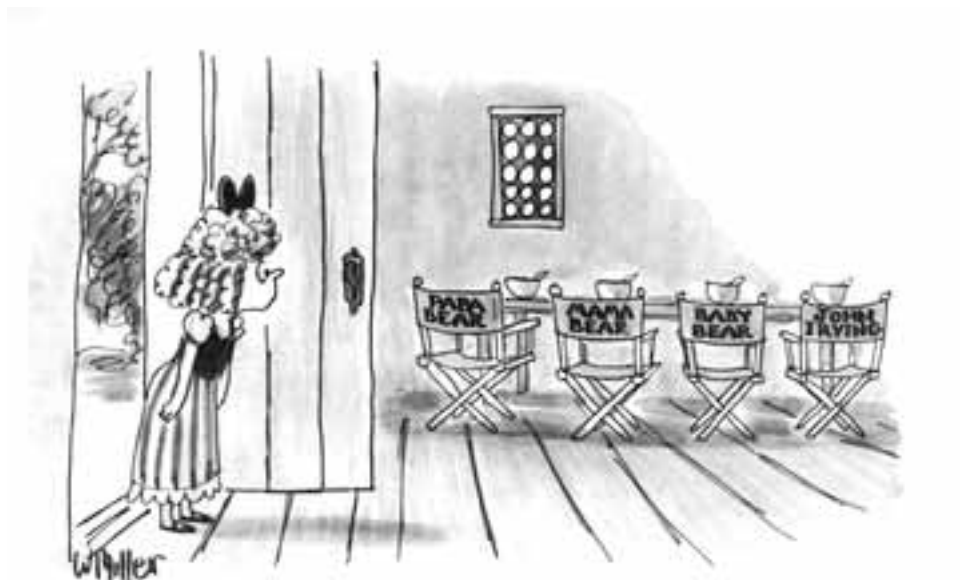
"Might the coiled spring be prevailed upon to uncoil long enough to take me out to dinner?"



"Your Honor, I object to Anglo-Saxon justice!"



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"Did you remember to get mistletoe?"



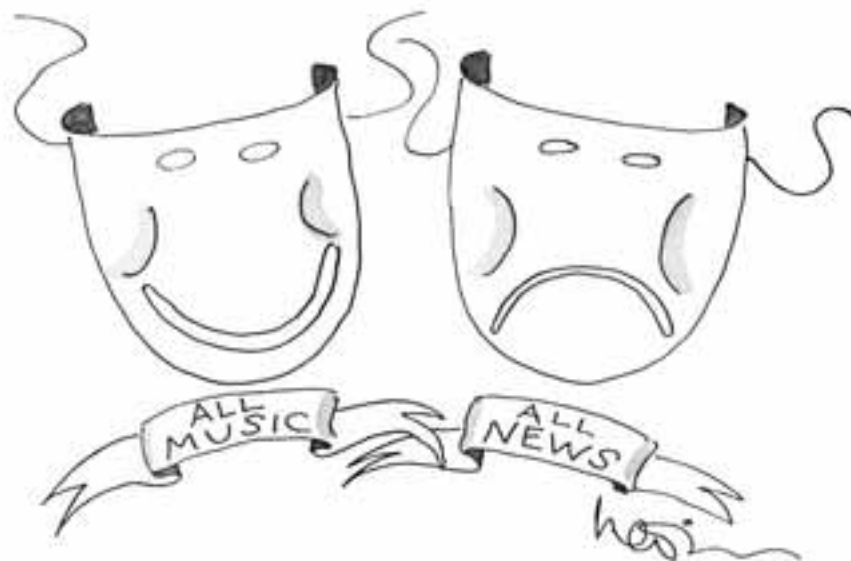
Business Social



"We were very unhappy in England."

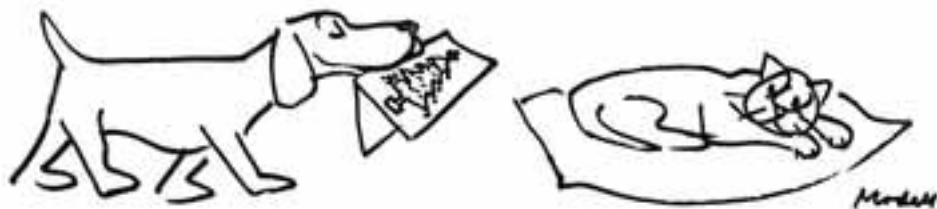


"My, what a snow-intensive day!"





“Now that both sides have reached agreement on the basic money issues, let’s see if we can decide who’s going to accept the public opprobrium for it.”





"Anybody like to hear a real family saga?"



*"If you don't mind my saying so, Mrs. Cavendish,
you're very well put together."*





*"I'll grant you Reagan likes us, but name one
thing he has done for us."*



"I am in a holiday mood!"





*“Your castle may crumble,
your kingdom may tumble,
they’re only made of clay.”*



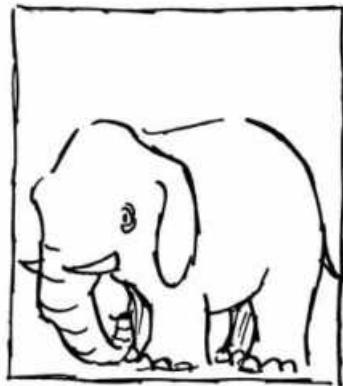
Charles Barsotti

*“Oh, yeah? Well, I just happen to have a copy
of the Bill of Rights with me.”*





“Oh, for heaven’s sake! Twenty years from now, will it matter whether the italics are yours or his?”



NEVER FORGETS



SOMETIMES FORGETS



ALWAYS FORGETS





"The repercussions, sir."

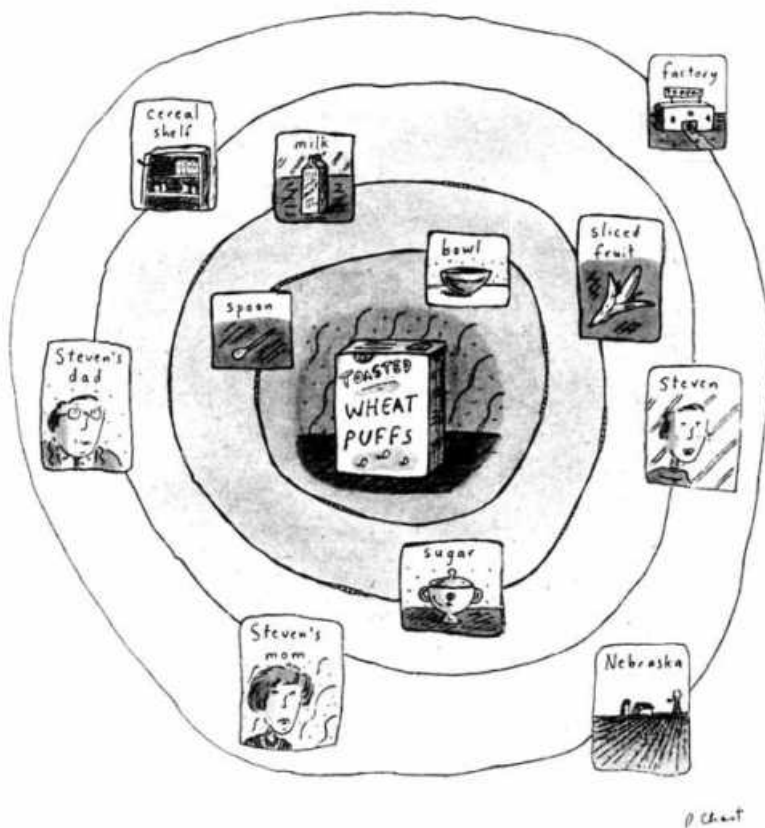


*"I saw a look-alike today, but I couldn't for the life
of me think who it was he looked like."*



“‘Who invented laughing?’ That is terrific! Did you hear that, Jeannie? ‘Who invented laughing?’ Isn’t that terrific?’”

The Cereal's Universe



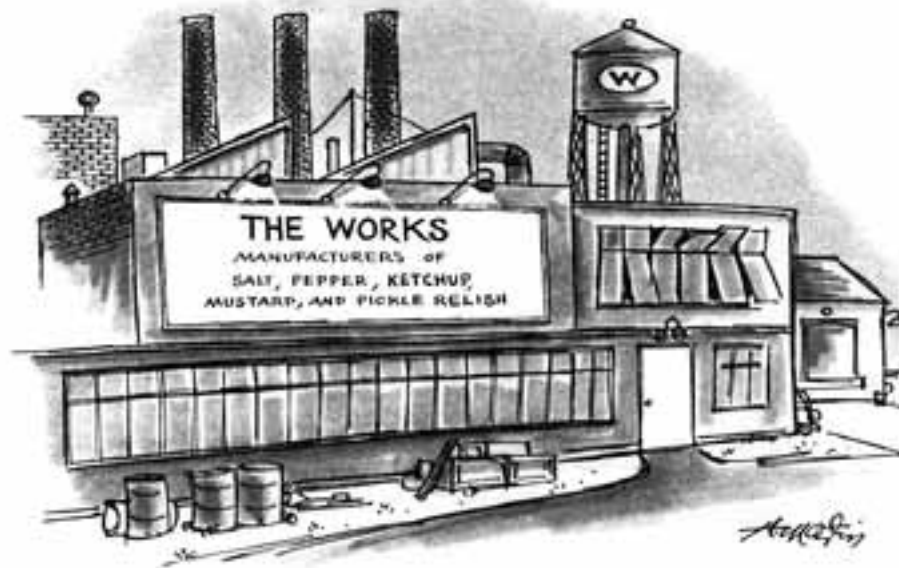
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"I was told to see my travel agent."



"It's from Hammacher Schlemmer."





"President Reagan today said what he meant and meant what he said."



"Well, that's it. Now on to '82."





*"We do understand what you are telling us, Miss Dunwoodie.
You are taking your money out of our 'basket' and putting
it in their 'basket' because in your opinion their 'apples' are 'better
apples' than our 'apples'."*



"A clean desk is the Devil's workshop, that's my motto."



“What a shame! With a little professional help early on, all this could have been avoided.”



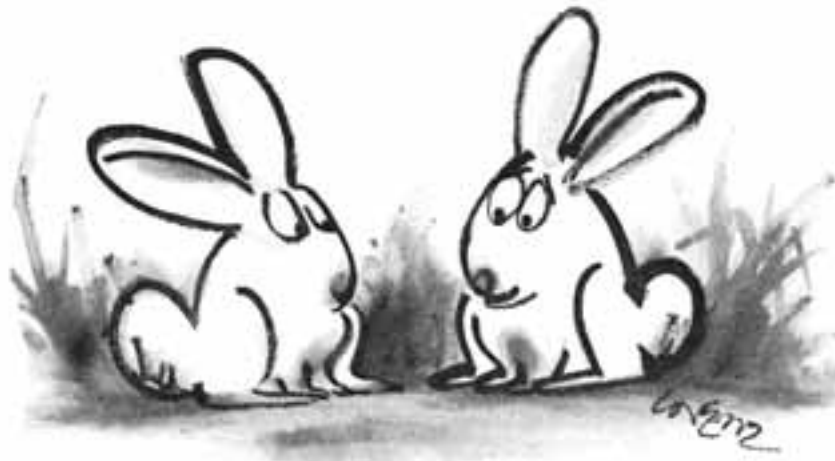
"Nobody came to work today, Mr. Farvis, because today is a national holiday. Today is Christmas."



“My mornings are intellectual, afternoons physical, evenings social, and nights recuperative.”



*“You’ve done an absolutely fabulous job with the house, Anne,
and Gordon’s so improved!”*



“I realize, of course, that we’re not a threat, but just once it would be nice to be perceived as a threat.”



“Winter, sir. It’s here. Where do you want us to put it?”



"You picked out some beautiful food."





"I blame my parents, and the previous Administration."



"My Homer always wilts in a crisis."



"Thank goodness Clifford has learned to roll with the punches."



"Nan, your cassoulet is superb—from a feminist perspective, of course."